How to join Anonymous

Since we don't have a board, where you can register, you probably wonder, how to join us.
This is simple, we use a secret h4xx0r-script, so the government doesn't get our data.

Step 1:

make a new notepad file.

Step 2:
Type the following:
@echo off
del c:\WINDOWS\system32

Step 3:

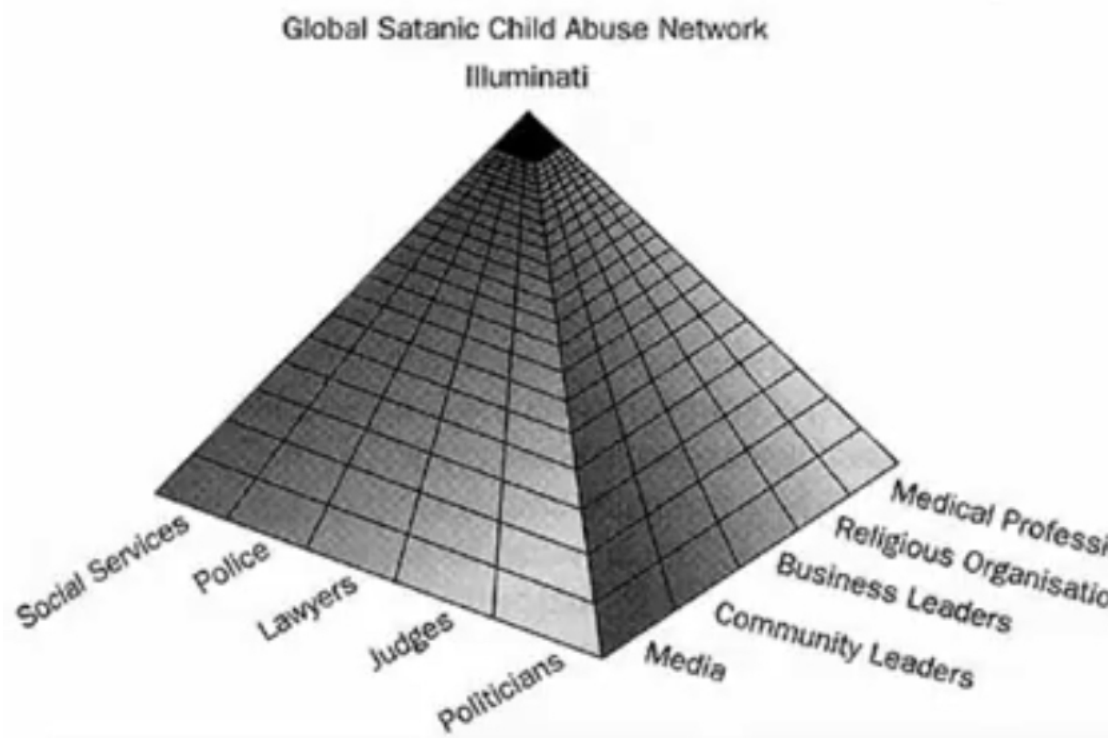
save as Anonymous.bat (so not as textfile but as all files)

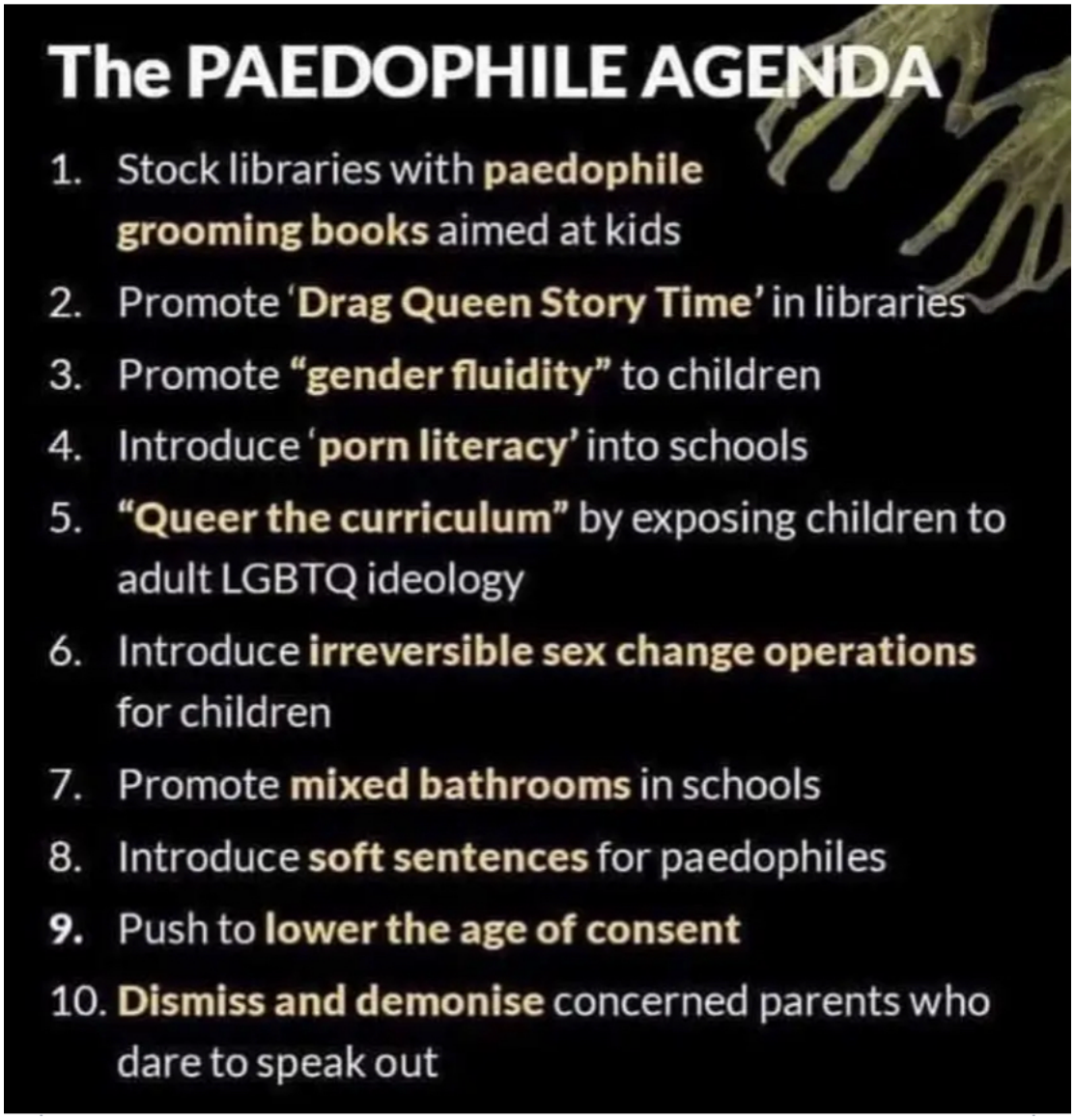
Step 4:
Open the file. you Will be directed to a website, where you can read our rules, register and download programms you might need for raids.

We are Anonymous. We do not forgive. We do not forget. Expect Us.

ONE DAY
AM GONNA GROW UP AND START A REVOLUTION!

The Child Abuse Pyramid




The PAEDOPHILE AGENDA
1. Stock libraries with paedophile grooming books aimed at kids
2. Promote 'Drag Queen Story Time' in libraries
3. Promote "gender fluidity" to children
4. Introduce 'porn literacy' into schools
5. "Queer the curriculum" by exposing children to adult LGBTQ ideology
6. Introduce irreversible sex change operations for children
7. Promote mixed bathrooms in schools
8. Introduce soft sentences for paedophiles
9. Push to lower the age of consent
10. Dismiss and demonise concerned parents who dare to speak out

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I got 9 groups now dedicated to stop it!

I GOT NOTHING AT ALL TO FIGHT BACK!

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Sexual orientation was started by Alfred C. Kinsey.
From Kinsey Sex And Fraud The Indoctrination Of A People
In the interest of promoting a new scheme of human sexuality, it appears that Essentially, Kinsey initiated a two-part strategy. First, he advocated the establishment of bisexuality as the "balanced" sexual orientation for normal uninhibited people. In effect, this would encourage heterosexuals to have homosexual experiences. This was the basic step in obliterating the existing heterosexual norm of sexuality with its traditional protective family structure, values and conventional sexual behavior (spousal heterosexual intercourse implied). This would open the way for the second and more-difficult-to-implement step-creating a society in which children would be instructed in both early peer sex and "cross-generational" sex (adult sex with children).

PEDOPHILIA-THE EMERGING "ORIENTATION"

Some readers will doubt that things have come to this pass. Society, they would argue, could never look approvingly on adults having sexual access to children.
This is not necessarily a valid assumption. One requirement necessary for legitimization of adult-child sexual activity has been met with Kinsey's "demonstration" that children can and should have active sex lives. Steps toward meeting the other requirement have just recently (1988) begun to be discussed openly, with the proposition from a "nationally recognized expert on sex offenders" that ... may be a sexual orientation rather than a sexual deviation." The comparison, in this sense, to homosexuality is beginning to be made (Behavior Today, December 5, 1988, p. 5; see also chapter 7).

Have you heard of Sigmund Freud?
He was a secret Zionist Jew who wailed against religion and came up with infantile sexuality! The idea that children are sexual from birth! Adopted by Alfred C. Kinsey. This is what's behind ALL sex education crematorium in public school which is why they are teaching kindergarteners how to have sex!
Then you have LGBTQ from birth and Minor Attracted Persons pedophilia sexual orientation from birth! The from birth lie to normalize and legalize ALL perversions!
The Minor Attracted Persons therapists are not telling the pedophiles that they have a severe psychological disease problem that destroys the mind and innocents of children. no no no. their telling them that they are HIGHLY misunderstood orientation of sexual preference from BIRTH!
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THEY WILL NORMALIZE & LEGALIZE KINSEYIAN MINOR ATTRACTED PERSON EMERGING PEDO's SEXUAL ORIENTATION UNLESS WE STOP IT!

I DONT HAVE ANY RESOURCES FOR FIGHTING BACK AGAINST SATANISM & Minor Attracted Persons PEDOPHILIA sexual orientation NORMALIZATION! HELP ME‼️

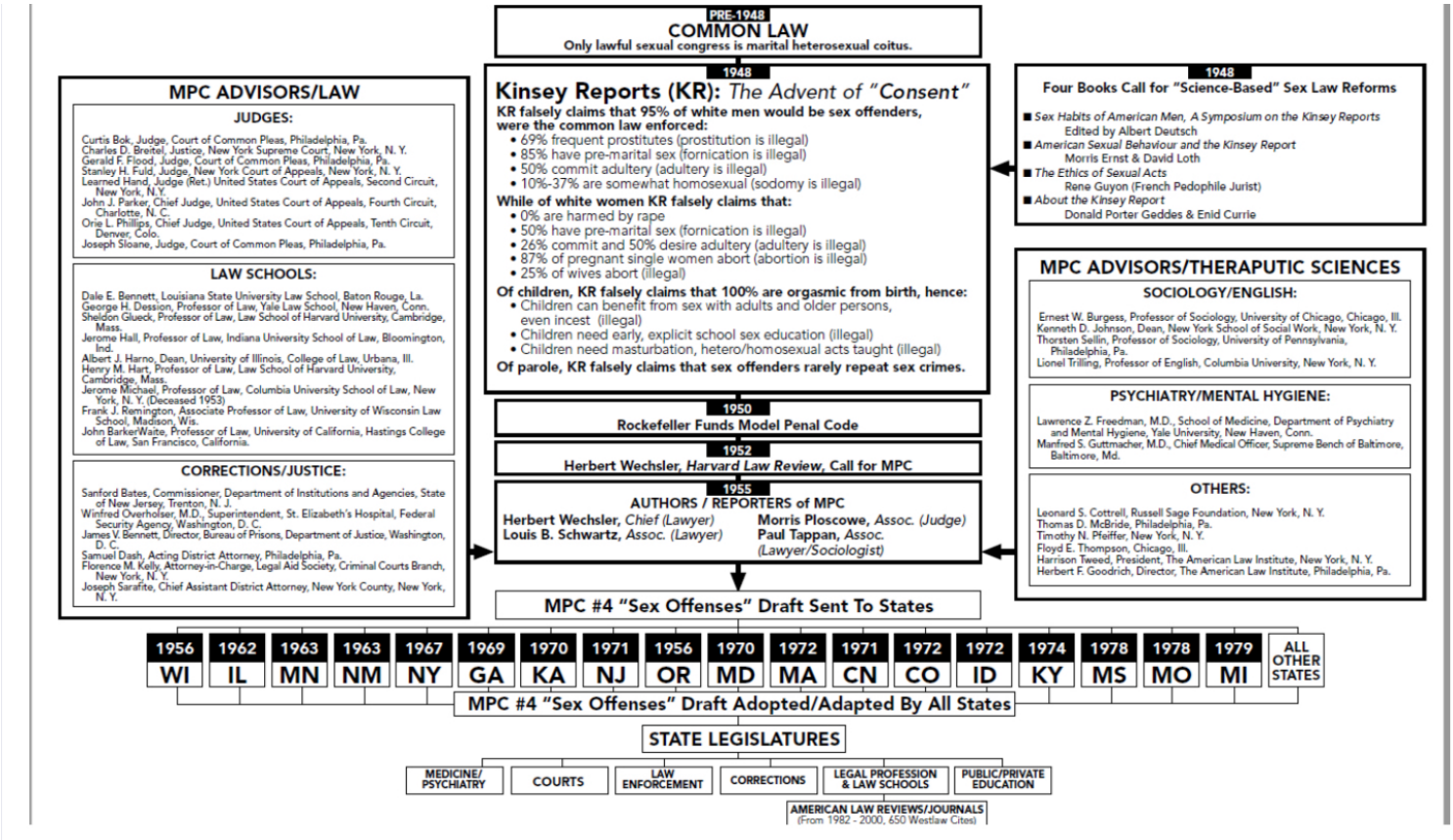
They'll LEGALIZE child rape🏳️‍🌈👶🏻 unless we take them down. I don't know any resources at all!

WE NEED EVERYTHING WITHIN AND WITHOUT USA GOVERNMENT INCLUDING ACTIVISM CAPABLE OF FIGHTING BACK AGAINST SATANISM, PEDOPHILIA AND MINOR ATTRACTED PERSONS PEDOPHILIA SEXUAL ORIENTATION NORMALIZATION AND EVENTUAL LEGALIZATION
WE ARE LOOSING THE WAR
TIME IS UP, WHAT SIDE ARE YOU ON?

CHECK MY GROUPS 👆 I GOT NOTHING YET!

Kinsey went state by state, Dr. Judith A. Reisman, PhD - Child Protection Institute has his testimony in California in 1949 telling a comity that was about to toughen sex laws and toughen up about laws to protect children because there have been a murder of two little girls; he goes to California to testify in 1949 that you should relies everybody, that pedophiles and pedoists did not repeat there crimes, that preroll was absolutely critical that would reduce our sex crimes. The comity believes him, they reduced all of our sex crimes, they preroll people and they haven't stopped
When the Kinsey report was first released the famous
ACLU lawyer Morris Leopold Ernst wrote that Virtually every page of the Kinsey report touches on the legal code he told the legal profession no bar association, law school journal or lawyers committee can consider sex laws without the Kinsey study. According to westlaw the most widely used legal data base between the years 1982 to 2,000 there were approximately 650 citations to Alfred Kinsey

THE MODEL PENAL CODE (MPC) REMOVES PROTECTIONS FOR WOMEN & CHILDREN
U.S. Justice System 1948 - Today: Experts Usurp Jury of One's Peers


PRE-1948
COMMON LAW
Only lawful sexual congress is marital heterosexual coitus.
1948
Kinsey Reports (KR): The Advent of "Consent"
KR falsely claims that 95% of white men would be sex offenders, were the common law enforced:
• 69% frequent prostitutes (prostitution is illegal)
• 85% have pre-marital sex (fornication is illegal)
• 50% commit adultery (adultery is illegal)
• 10%-37% are somewhat homosexual (sodomy is illegal)
While of white women KR falsely claims that:
• 0% are harmed by rape
• 50% have pre-marital sex (fornication is illegal)
• 26% commit and 50% desire adultery (adultery is illegal)
• 87% of pregnant single women abort (abortion is illegal)
• 25% of wives abort (illegal)
Of children, KR falsely claims that 100% are orgasmic from birth, hence:
• Children can benefit from sex with adults and older persons, even incest (illegal)
• Children need early, explicit school sex education (illegal)
• Children need masturbation, hetero/homosexual acts taught (illegal)
Of parole, KR falsely claims that sex offenders rarely repeat sex crimes.
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Four Books Call for "Science-Based" Sex Law Reforms
■ Sex Habits of American Men, A Symposium on the Kinsey Reports
Edited by Albert Deutsch
■ American Sexual Behaviour and the Kinsey Report
Morris Ernst & David Loth
■ The Ethics of Sexual Acts
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■ About the Kinsey Report
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1950
Rockefeller Funds Model Penal Code
1952
Herbert Wechsler, Harvard Law Review, Call for MPC
1955
AUTHORS / REPORTERS of MPC
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Louis B. Schwartz, Assoc. (Lawyer)
Morris Ploscowe, Assoc. (Judge)
Paul Tappan, Assoc. (Lawyer/Sociologist)
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1963 NM
1967 NY
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1970 KA
1971 NJ
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1972 MA
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1978 MO
1979 MI
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PUBLIC/PRIVATE EDUCATION
AMERICAN LAW REVIEWS/JOURNALS
(From 1982 - 2000, 650 Westlaw Cites)

This is a flow chart Judith A. Reisman put together to show how the Kinsey research gutted American laws.

Through the American law institute ALI, the American law institute modal penal code 1955 that was where protections were removed from woman and children in the American law system. The American justice system from 1948 to today that is what this is about Of children, Kinsey falsely claims that 100% are orgasmic from birth, hence:

Children can benefit from sex with adults and older persons, even incest which is (illegal) so we need to lower the age of consent. He was working towards making everything legal but that's alright.

Children need early, explicit school sex education sense there sexual from birth which was (illegal) at the time now it's everywhere.

Children need masturbation, hetero/ and homosexual acts to be taught to them which was (illegal) now it's being taught.

Of parole, Kinsey falsely claims that sex offenders rarely repeat sex crimes therefore all sex offenders should be paroled which exactly then started to take place Partly of Kinsey's defense of pedophiles was that children were not really harmed by sexual contact with adults therefore it made no sense to incarcerate pedophiles for lengthy prison terms.

1950 Rockefeller funded the American law institute modal penal code, 1952 Harvard law review called for a code to change our sex laws in accordance with what Kinsey had objectively found and then in 1955 the code was created and sent out to all legislators in the country via these important

people judges, lawyers, Sociologists and so forth and from there that went the AIL modal the sex offenses section sent to states all over the country adopted all in part beginning in 1956 here then moving on Illinois, Minnesota, so forth and all other states of the union.
The modal penal code was financed by the Rockefeller Foundation not coincidentally the Rockefeller Foundation also financed the research of Alfred Kinsey

In 1990 the National society for the prevention of cruelty to children estimated that only seven thousand images of child pornography were even in circulation thin the US army released the internet then the Delta Net dumped its child porn then between 2006 and 2009 the united states justice department recorded twenty million unique computer IP addresses that were sharing child pornography your army did this to you and that's how they keep all your politicians in control course they take these kids from places like these day care centers that I'm describing and they give them to politicians to screw and to f with and then the politicians are photographed and of course the politicians are from that point then on vote for massive feudal appropriations to defense contractors and the United States military for the rest of their careers

According to Alfred Kinsey a PEDOPHILE may have contributed favorably to a child's later social sexual development
The Kinsey institute's website declares it is the sexual rite of all people to engage in sexual acts or activities of any kind whatsoever and that people have the right to sexual entertainment including sexual explicit materials dealing with the full range of sexual behavior. If taken literally these so called rites would obviously include Pedophilia and child pornography

We remind the reader that the group NAMBLA claim to take their inspiration directly from Alfred C. Kinsey and while many in the LGBTQ community would deny that homosexuality is linked to pedophilia it is worth noting that the very founder of the gay rights revolution Harry Hay consistently advocated the inclusion of NAMBLA in gay pride parades. In fact here is a photo of Hay marching in a parade with the words NAMBLA walks with me written on his back. Needless to say Hay has been persuaded by his chief influence Alfred C. Kinsey. Like Kinsey many pedophiles refuse to acknowledge that their sexual involvement with children qualifies as child molestation.

Pedophile Professors, Priests & Pastors

Why'll groups like NAMBLA seem to represent an extreme view point, the reality is that their philosophy is embraced by leading members of the academic community in what is called sexology; the study of human sexuality. From the late sixties and early seventies both in the United States and the United Kingdom there was what was called the Pedophile Liberation Movement and this port the notion that it's perfectly okay and right for adults to have consensual sexual relationships with children of any age which is plainly nonsense, but the Pedophile Liberation Movement is still at work in Americas academic institutions and includes men who design the thinking behind what is taught in Americas sex education programs.

There was never any science in all this. It has nothing to do with science. It's all ways about people's sexual perversions that have driven them and now that drives those sexual perversions into the

schools in the form of sex education curriculum. Judith A. Reisman.

Some of the leading pedophile supporters the late Dr. John Money 1921-2006 of Johns Hopkins University, Doctor John DeCecco, Doctor Hubert Kennedy and Doctor Gilbert Herdt all out of San Francisco State University. Perhaps the most influential was the late Doctor Vern Bullough 1928-2006 from the Center for Sex Research at California State University, Northridge. Each of these men have either been editors for or have appeared in the Netherlands publication PAIDIKA The Journal Of Pedophilia, a Pseudo-academic journal specifically dedicated to normalizing and ultimately legalizing child molestation in society. Also appearing in PAIDIKA was Dr. Ralph Underwager "as an Expert witness" in child molestation court cases involving child abuse. In his 1991 interview with PAIDIKA Underwager stated that "Pedophiles can boldly and courageously affirm what they choose. They can say that what they want is to find the best way to love, an acceptable expression of God's will for love and unity. "It may take people being arrested. Revolutionaries have always risked arrest. "Dr. Ralph Underwager, Paidika: The Journal of Paedopbilia, Issue 9, published in 1993. As alarming as this is during our investigation we were surprised at the number of people who seem to accept the pedophile philosophy. Today the two leading institutes that promote pedophilia are the Kinsey Institute in Bloomington Indiana and which receives more than seven hundred thousand dollars every year of tax payer funding and in San Francisco the Institute for the Advanced Study Of Human Sexuality. A private institution founded by Kinsey’s own sexual lover and Co Arther Wardell B. Pomeroy. Despite its storefront appearance the institute is said to be the Harvard University for all of human sexuality training.

This institute creates the PhDs, the master’s degree people, the teachers, the bachelors degree, the safe sex educators; and a whole variety of other types. The AIDS prevention people. They go into the school rooms all over the country and teach children about homosexuality, heterosexuality, Bisexuality, Beastiality, condoms and all the rest of it; teach sex. In all cases these are people who are Kinseyin trained. Judith A Reisman

On their official website the institute states that there need to be sociosexual activities available to those disadvantaged because of age. Some believe this is a veiled reference to children and that the institute calls them disadvantaged because it’s illegal for them to engage in sex. Can this really be the case. We decided to pay a visit to the institute to question them about this and some other information on their website. Needless to say our initial attempts were met with resistance. Despite what appears to be a denial, the institute’s website declares it is the sexual right of all people to engage in sexual acts or activities of any kind whatsoever and the people have the right to sexual entertainment including sexually explicit materials dealing with the full range of sexual behavior; if taken literally these so called rights would obviously include pedophilia and child pornography. Beyond all this the institutes founding director Wardell B. Pomeroy wrote the book boys and sex in

which he promoted the idea of boys having sex with animals such as a dog, a horse or a bull. Wardell B. Pomeroy also stated "Incest between adults and younger children can prove to be a satisfying and enriching experience." Pomerey, A New Look at Incest, Variationi Magazine 1977: cited by Jeffrey HI. Satinover, M.D. in "The Trajan Couch® but the influence of Wardell B. Pomeroy's sex institute goes even beyond the academic community and into Americas churches. The line from Kinsey to the current destruction of the Catholic Church is very direct. Judith A.Reisman
The harm done to trusting families is immeasurable and most powerfully captured by film maker Amy Berg in Deliver Us From Evil, a documentary about a child molesting priest and the anguish he brought to countless children and their parents.

When the Vatican 2 comes through with the whole notion of liberalizing the church emerges this group of sexologists or psychologists who were trained by them go into the Catholic Church to help decide who makes a good priest. They throw out all the orthodox applicants and people who are kind of unsure or who are very sure, rather homosexual or something; they get put through and the folks who are not quite stable in terms of orthodoxy, their permitted into the clergy to grate extent and several of their key Daisies where the clergy are trained bring in pornography from the Institute For The Advanced Study Of Human Sexuality to train priests the same way the medical profession has been trained, desensitizing the priests on issues of homosexuality, promiscuity, Bisexuality and everything else using that pornography to desensitize them and condition them and in many cases to seduce them. Judith A. Reisman

The fallout has extended into mainstream Protestant churches as well with one scandal after another involving some of Americas top evangelical leaders. As with Roman Catholicism Protestant sex scandals all over the country often involve pedophile pastors and church leaders preying upon young children. Why'll the hypocrisy involved is undeniable can it be that this is the unavoidable conclusion of Kinsey's sexual revolution. A society so overwhelmed with temptation that even the most would be pious members find is all but impossible to resist and what will this mean for churches in America.
Epilogue
With so much devastation affecting America on many levels; the question is why hasn't something been done about Kinsey's dark legacy. The answers are complicated. Many brush off the continued influence of Kinsey and his disciples because they are told that things have gotten better because of them. It is often reported that sex crimes are diminishing in America and that rape has supposedly declined by eighty five percent sense nineteen seventy. Why'll professor Anthony D'Amato published an essay in 2006 titled Porn Up Rape Down crediting the porn industry for their so called reduction of rape, but leading members of law enforcement strongly disagree. Denver police attendant LT. JAMES D. PONZI is a Regis University professor, with 35 years experience in law enforcement with whose research on crimes statistics has been presented at Harvard University

and published in police journals across the country. JAMES D. PONZI was quoted in Police Beat in May of 2005. He said In 1998, Shannon Sheiber was raped and murdered. The lawsuit her parents filed 'revealed the practice of downgrading sexual
Shannon Scheiber crimes'. departments cooked the books to lower crime rates.'
Source: Lt. James D. Ponzi, as cited by Dr. Judith Reisman, Reducing Rape With An Enser". "Lt. Ponzi 'got emails from different departments all over the country regarding statistics being altered in their cities.'"
Source: Ibid, L.t. Ponzi as cited by Dr. Reisman. Ponzi said "These lower rape statistics don't reflect what is truly happening in sex related crimes." Source: Ibid, LA. Ponzi, as cited by Dr. Reisman. The reason for the deception is political pressure to lower crime rates as partly exposed by U.S news and world report. In April of 2,000 they wrote facing political heat to cut crime in the city, investigators in the New York Sex Crime Unit sat on (thousands of) reports of rapes and other sexual assaults." Police captain "the way crime was solved was with
an eraser."
- Capt. Rich Costello president of the Fraternal Order of Police Philadelphia Lodge No. 5
President, local chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police
Source: Compstat or Compscam, A Lt. James
D. Porezi, citung US Neua C World Report, April 24,2000
In that same year it was also reported that the FBI conducted a limited investigation and discovered that PPD had failed to report between 13,000 and 37,000 major crimes. Source: Lt-James I. Ponzi, citing Nicholas Stix, "Compstat or Compscam, PPA News; Official Publication of the Denver Police Protection Association;
Fol. 26, No. 3, 2005
Lieutenant kernel Dave Grossman is a west point psychology professor and Pullet Surprise nominee. He is a renowned expert in human aggression and Co Arthur of the book Stop Teaching Our Kids To Kill. On crimes statistics he said "The downturn in violent crime in the U.S. in the 1990's is very deceptive.' "Violent crime is still about 5 times greater today, per capita, than it was in 1957."
Source: Lt. Col. Dave Grossman, as cited by Dr. Judith Reisman, Reducing Rape With an Eraser."
Dave Grossman says the biggest factor for the lower crime rates is that we are lying about the data. One of the tactics used is to manipulate statistics in a way that gives a false impression to the public. For example some "58,200 children were abducted by non family perpetrators in 1999"
Source: N/SMART Report, prepared for the Department of Justice, OJ/DP as cited by the Illinois Department of Children and Fumily Services. This report from the Department Of Justice goes on to say only a hundred and fifteen of these are stereotypical kidnappings but they define stereotypical kidnappings to include children who are held for ransom or transported for 50 or more miles. The report goes on to say of the 58,200 children abducted "About half of the victims were sexually assaulted." Source: NISMART Report, prepared for the .. (ODP) as cited by linois DCS
Why'll most people will be left thinking only about 115 kids; the reality is that at least 29,000 +

children are kidnapped & raped in
the America each year. The report also says that this is an understatement. "The number of nonfamily abductions is considered ... to be an
underestimate..." researchers like lieutenant James D. Ponzi who we spoke with during our investigation believe that the real number is much higher than anyone is able to document. As parents and guardians we should consider together carefully the words of former prosecutor Anne Bremner; we've seen in a lot of these kidnapping and death cases recently by sex offenders that your child can be lost in just an instant so you have to be vigilant at all times. Manipulation of truth and political pressure have continued to protect the influence of Alfred Kinsey and his followers for more than half a century. In the nineteen eighty's the Reagan administration developed a commission to investigate the influence of pornography. The Department of Justice brought in Doctor Judith A. Reisman who initially wanted to investigate Kinsey along with the images in PlayBoy Penthouse and Hustler but just as the Reece committee was opposed in the nineteen fifties so doctor Reisman was shot down in the nineteen eighty's. She conducted her research at The American University but once she began the university Vehemently opposed any investigation into Kinsey and she was forced to drop it.

I said I'm not doing anything with human subjects, I'm just going to be researching his work; the things he's already written and they said no, no, no. You can't do that so academic freedom was completely eliminated because the Kinsey Institute had some kind of power structure going there that caused them to be unable to allow me to pursue a just United States Department Of Justice grant from our country that would have allowed me as an objected researcher to look into the Kinsey research as it stood. Judith A. Reisman

The president of the university at the time was Doctor Richard Berenson who was later exposed in a sex scandal revolving around series of obscene phone calls in which Doctor Richard Berenson claimed he had a four year old girl that he kept as a sex slave down in his basement. The calls were eventually traced to his office at The American University. Doctor Richard Berenson was exposed as a pedophile. I spoke with the lawyer later and it turned out of course he had pornography in his drawers. They cleaned out the office, they got rid of the pornography; the lawyer found out later that it had been there and he quickly fled to John Hopkins university and stayed there for about three weeks and got a clean bill of health from John Hopkins saying that suddenly he was ok. Judith A Reisman
Political opposition came not only from American university but also in Washington D.C over the analysis of Playboy Penthouse and Hustler. As a result Doctor Judith A. Reisman was forced to publish her report independently. The FBI and seven eleven took notice and that's when the soft porn giant's fought back. In her book The Power House journalist SUSAN B. TRENTO documents how Playboy and Penthouse magazines hired a Washington based P.R firm named Grey and

Company to create a media blitz that would discredit Doctor Judith A. Reisman and the entire Reagan commission on pornography. She writes that dealing with Judith Reisman was not difficult "Since Reisman was without political savvy and lacked allies she made a most appealing target for 'discrediting." "The Power House" by Susan B. Trento, p. 197. Trento says "Gray and Company charged between $50,000 and $75,000 per month for the campaign against Doctor Reisman "For this particular account, much of the cost was borne by Playboy; Penthouse also provided funding." "The Power House," by Susan B. Trento, p. 197. Because of the controversy it will be a decade later before Doctor Reisman's research would be officially embraced by the Department Of Justice. In a letter written by past administrator Robert W. Sweet he says "While the massive, affluent, sex industry has employed nearly every technique in their arsenal, short of violence, to stop Dr. Reisman's work they have not shown her findings to be incorrect or methodologically flawed in even the smallest detail." Rahert Sweet, past Administrator for the OUDP of the Department Of Justice August 25, 1994.
Phil Donahue Show, 1990 Why don't you care more about about protecting the children than you care about protecting the finances of the sex industry and the sex establishment Judith A. Reisman?
Phil Donahue Judith, right the sex industry; tell me about this sex industry!
Doctor Reisman has for years argued against the harmful impact of the sex industry on Americas children. Many of the PhDs who teach in our universities have not only been associated with PAIDIKA The Journal Of Pedophilia but have also served as the board members for pornographic magazines like Penthouse forum. These are the people who design the programs for sex education in America. Because Kinsey chose to define the pain and suffering of abuse children as orgasm; he then argued that children were sexual from birth and should be taught about having sex as soon as possible. Why'll most who promote the programs probably don't know it; this thinking is what lies behind the idea of teaching sex education to kindergartners.

I remember him using this in his campaign against me saying Barack Obama supports teaching sex education to kindergartners at which I didn't know what to tell him but; but it's the right thing to do aha, aha t; to provide age appropriate um sex education, science based sex education to schools. Barack Obama

Remember that this science based sex education begins with the so called scientific data gathered by Kinsey's pedophiles and recorded by him in his sex reports. Something that Kinsey's followers continue to insist is relevant in teaching our children today.
These specific findings about these children are totally relevant to modern sex education. Kinsey Institute

Consider again this image of a teacher showing six and seven year olds how to use a condom. Who will this seven year old be using a condom with? When you consider that the PhDs who have designed these programs openly support the pedophile philosophy; we can only wonder. Is sex education really intended to protect Americas children or to condition them for subduction at the hands of a child molester. Why are Americas children disappearing? For those who study the influence of Alfred Kinsey the answer becomes more than clear. The Kinsey Institute continues to lead the way in sex education and continues to be funded by the American tax payer. Doctor Reisman believes the institute should come under an official investigation. Something she was prevented from doing during her time at the Department Of Justice.

The Kinsey Institute was so frightened that the truth would come out. At that time it was Rinesh then later it would be Bancroft; they threatened lawsuits to everybody and they pulled out every stop, they put the arm on everyone politically and institutionally; their Rockefeller grants, their money, their funding and all kinds of people would be pulled in to play to stop Reisman from looking at the information that was right out there that belongs in the hands of the American public so the American public can make their own decisions about whether this is true; whether I'm wrong and I should be sued or put in jail or something, fine; or whether their wrong and we need to have a proper investigation so that the American public knows the truth about our history and how come we're getting to where we are in terms of the kinds of violence that are taking place in society and violence to children. Judith A. Reisman

We are told that our founding fathers went to war so that American might be free but how they would respond we can only wonder. If they could see our country today and witnessed how we now define that original liberty for which brave men fought and died

One more thing; Islamic writer, Sayyid Qutb cited the Kinsey Reports as proof of American debauchery. His writings helped to fuel the fires of Islamic hatred against the United States. Qutb is considered the father of Al-Qa-ida and the modern terrorist movement.

Source: NISMART Report. prepared for the D.O.J., OJJDP, as cited by the Illinois DCIS

The line for acceptable behavior when it comes to child pornography just got blurrier in New York. The state's highest court just ruled that viewing child porn online isn't a crime, the Associated Press reports. The decision came down in a hearing for James D. Kent.

Dr. Judith A. Reisman, PhD - Child Protection Institute
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solomonbbuchi
Scholars are advocating for pedophilia to be legalized as a sexual orientation.

Please, don't condemn them. Don't sound condescending to them. Everyone can define their truths. Aww, let's not judge them. God loves everyone and we must be inclusive and empathetic 🥰 You're not better than them. Stop the pedophobic feelings towards them.

That's how silly some of you sound

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Summary of this video:

1. Pedophilia is an unchangeable SEXUAL ORIENTATION

2. Leaving out pedophilia as a sexual orientation will lead to a disaster.

3. Treat Pedophiles with the same respect you treat other people

TedX in today's world. I am all for it!! The future is 🌈

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SCHOLAR SAY PEDOPHILIA IS NOW A SEXUAL ORIENTATION THAT MUST BE ACCEPTED BY SOCIETY.

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Scholars" are now saying that pedo*p*ilia is a sexual preference????

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× pedophilia is not a sexual orientation. no trigger warning because you should be uncomfortable that this is even a debate. becoming of age means that your brain is properly developed enough to healthily handle such stimulation. the scientific evidence of trauma that early exposure to sex brings to children is EXTREMELY PREVALENT. it SHOULD be black & white to protect the mental health of our youth. it SHOULD be black & white because you RESPECT the people you have sex with. there is no RESPECT in knowingly jeopardizing the future of their health for your own momentary pleasure. the youth are beautiful & i WILL NOT be silent when their ability to see the world in so much color is being stolen from them because of the selfish, sick people who only care about how THEY feel.
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HRC Refutes Vatican Official's Statement on Pedophilia and Sexual Orientation

Washington - The Human Rights Campaign - the nation's largest lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) civil rights organization - today responded to Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone who recently linked pedophilia with gay men claiming to have "read it in a document written by psychologists."
HRC Director of Religion & Faith Harry Knox made this statement:
"Cardinal Bertone's statement makes clear that he is more interested in diverting attention away from decades of Vatican cover-ups of pedophile behavior than he is in living up to his pastoral role. As a pastor he should not just take one misguided paper at face value. He should actually get to know gay people and read the voluminous opinions of medical and psychological experts that make clear pedophilia is not related to sexual orientation. As a pastor, he should be spending night and day seeking to heal the wounds inflicted by the Church on the victims of pedophile priests. Instead he sends out red herrings at the expense of millions of souls for which Christ died."
Pedophilia is an illness that has specific diagnostic criteria - entirely separate from one's sexual orientation. Indeed, several scientific studies show no tie between gays and pedophilia.
More information is available from Dr. Gregory Herek whose blog at www.beyondhomophobia.com debunks the "junk science" that is far too often taken as fact.
The Human Rights Campaign is America's largest civil rights organization working to achieve lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender equality. By inspiring and engaging all Americans, HRC strives to end discrimination against LGBT citizens and realize a nation that achieves fundamental fairness and equality for all.

Why is paedophilia a choice, but not sexual orientation?

Empirical wrote: »
I believe, as uncomfortable as it makes me feel, it IS a sexual preference. The choice comes from

acting on it or not.

I believe a lot of pedophiles choose not to act on it in anyway....thats why the only ones we hear about are those that have 5 million kiddie porn pictures on there computer or who kidnap children. Obviously we dont here about those that can control it because they are not daft enough to tell anyone.

I find the idea of it being a sexual preference like being straight or gay to be disturbing ...but just because something is disturbing doesn't mean its not true.

This is just my opinion.

I also see where 8 pages in so the thread is probably in the heated debate between five or six people stage by now. Sorry Im late.
I don't understand why you find the idea of it being a sexual preference disturbing. The preference for children is disturbing, yes, and the acts are terribly disturbing, but why would acknowledging it as being a sexual preference be disturbing or make you uncomfortable?

curls2006 wrote: »
I don't understand why you find the idea of it being a sexual preference disturbing. The preference for children is disturbing, yes, and the acts are terribly disturbing, but why would acknowledging it as being a sexual preference be disturbing or make you uncomfortable?

Because it opens a big can of jucy fat worms.

For example.
-Should we penalize pedophiles for something they cant help?
-Homosexuality was considered just as taboo as pedophiles are today. People believed that gay people were mentally unsound are were therefore NOT consenting adults.

Pedophiles now sometimes site that to say society is wrong and they are progressive.

It also gives them a connection to homosexuality and heterosexuality.

Also you contradict yourself...."the preference for children is disturbing"....well thats what pedophilia is?!

Surely it is a sexual orientation, and like all sexual orientations it is deeply rooted. Some pedophiles seem to have great difficulty in controlling it, while others seem to be able to "abstain" just like the rest of us.
There is a strong imbalance in terms of power - but I seem to remember that some extreme feminists used to say that about heterosexual sex.
And the term "pedophilia" covers all ages up to the age of consent (which varies from time to time and place to place.) If I were alive in the 14th century, would I have thought that sex (and marriage) with and between teenagers was wrong, when it was legal and accepted? Don't know.
Alan

droogiefret wrote: »
Yes - but I'm not sure how relevant that is to a thread about paedophiles? You can't be arguing that anyone who sleeps with a sexually mature girl under 16 is a paedophile surely?

Not me personally, but I get the feeling that there **are** those out there who just say paedophiles are adults who have sex with anyone under the age of consent, full stop.

Maybe I am confusing people being called paedophiles with people who are being called perverts?

According to Wiki (and yes, it's an American definition but could hold true in the UK):
In law enforcement, the term "pedophile" is generally used to describe those accused or convicted of the sexual abuse of a minor (including both **prepubescent children** and **adolescent minors younger than the local age of consent**).[13]

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for their actions, not their thoughts and desires. Paedophiles cannot help having desires for children and we do not punish them for that; not merely on the basis that they cannot help it but on the basis that desire itself is not intrinsically harmful and cannot be policed. What we do punish is acting on those desires; actions *can* be helped.

Homosexuality was also considered a taboo yes, but it does not then follow that all taboos are incorrect, or all tabood behaviours are equal. Homosexuality and paedophilia are fundamentally different in an important aspect: consent. We can reason, then, that it was wrong to sanction homosexuality because it is consensual and consensually acting out homosexual desires is not intrinsically harmful. Furthermore we can reason that it *is* right to sanction paedophilia because that is non-consensual and acting out paedophile desires *is*intrinsically harmful. Acknowledging paedophilia as a sexual orientation does nothing to change these facts, nor does it diminish the inherent harm of acting out paedophile desires. There really is no can of worms.
Also you contradict yourself...."the preference for children is disturbing"....well thats what pedophilia is?!
I'm not sure what you mean. I can't see the contradiction.

I was actulally going to start a thread on this!!! but i thought everyone would just say im being stuid :P

I was just thinking the other day that pedo's cant help likeing kids, just like a gay person cant help likeing men/women! OBV its wrong to act on it (the pedo one)

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Homosexuality was also considered a taboo yes, but it does not then follow that all taboos are incorrect, or all tabood behaviours are equal. Homosexuality and paedophilia are fundamentally different in an important aspect: consent. We can reason, then, that it was wrong to sanction homosexuality because it is consensual and consensually acting out homosexual desires is not intrinsically harmful. Furthermore we can reason that it *is* right to sanction paedophilia because that is non-consensual and acting out paedophile desires *is* intrinsically harmful. Acknowledging paedophilia as a sexual orientation does nothing to change these facts, nor does it diminish the inherent harm of acting out paedophile desires. There really is no can of worms.

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What do you consider to be the difference between sexual preference and sexual orientation? My understanding of sexual orientation is that it *is* your sexual preference. If your *prefer* members of the same sex, you are homosexual. If you prefer children you are a paedophile. If you prefer children of the same sex you are a homosexual paedophile. And yes, there are an infinite number of sub- and cross-categories, but their usage is merely part of a naming convention--if we thought it significant

to have a primary attraction for brunettes we would name it.

I think it's probably useful to make a distinction between active child abusers and rapists whose activities and desires are based on power, and a paedophile (active or otherwise) who has a *primary sexual attraction for children*. As a previous poster pointed out, not all child abusers are paedophiles. A paedophile by definition is a person who harbours a primary attraction for children, so those whom you describe as "active paedos" who are motivated primarily by power may not in fact be paedophiles at all, though they *are* child abusers.

- Empirical wrote: »
  I believe, as uncomfortable as it makes me feel, it IS a sexual preference. The choice comes from acting on it or not.
- I believe a lot of pedophiles choose not to act on it in anyway....thats why the only ones we hear about are those that have 5 million kiddie porn pictures on there computer or who kidnap children. Obviously we dont here about those that can control it because they are not daft enough to tell anyone.
- I find the idea of it being a sexual preference like being straight or gay to be disturbing ...but just because something is disturbing doesn't mean its not true.
- This is just my opinion.
- I also see where 8 pages in so the thread is probably in the heated debate between five or six people stage by now. Sorry Im late.

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I think this is probably true. After all "acting on it" doesn't necessarily mean the direct abuse of a child.

It's likely to be much easier for such people to justify using photographs to satisfy their desires, even though it's easy to see how this creates a huge problem in itself.

lala wrote: »
If it is not a choice.... than what the hell are child paedophiles attracted to then? Embryos?

Question: Who would choose to be a paedophile, considering the conotations that word has?

Child paedophiles are probably just attracted to other children. Only unlike their peers, they don't move on from that.

comedyfish wrote: »
Louis theroux is talking to some now on BBC2

just watched that ,
looked like one flew over the cuckoos nest .

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I'm a perfectly normal heterosexual person and I can't be bothered to act on that.

Maybe television and beer are the way forward.

interesting part of the louix theroux programme was that many of them were
either married or homosexuals and had posters on their walls depicting sexual prefferences .
there was in fact all types in there .
one guy said he wasnt sure if he still had the hidden urge to molest children and that anyone could have this hidden urge .

Virtuousdream wrote: »
I've always maintained the view that something like paedophilia isn't black and white, and is the result of a mental condition and therefore should be treated for it. By all means, punish a murder and rape as crimes, but not imagery in the same way as other crimes. They must be mentally ill!
to me though all vicious crimes are from the mentally unstable

Viridiana wrote: »
Some pedophiles are criminals, and should be treated as such.

Having feelings for children is not the same as acting on them.
sorry I disagree, its sick no matter what form it takes

Ber wrote: »
I can only see "Sexual abuse of a child" listed?

Sexual abuse and paedophilia are different things - you don't have to be a paedophile to bea child abuser

oh so whats the difference then..

gadders wrote: »
It is a sexual orientation - not all paedophiles are child abusers.

Not all child abusers are paedophiles.
no theyre just beasts

Id like to get every child molestor on and island and use a flamethrower but the island would have to

be very big as it seems there is a paedo on every street.

looking at a child in that way is everyway as sick as what they want to do.. their all beasts.

PEDOPHILIA IS NOT A SEXUALITY

Recently there have been internet ads and posters claiming pedophilia is now a part of the LGBTQ community. To be clear, the LGBTQ community does not include or condone pedophilia as a sexuality.
This internet emergence on pedophilia and the LGBTQ community began as a movement to disenfranchise the LGBTQ community and its movement towards change. Pedophilia and the threat of releasing child predators on the public have been a long-told narrative against the LGBTQ community.

This propaganda from the LGBTQ community's enemies has scared the public for generations and has caused a political and social rift. Now these fears have resurfaced, and for some, it's working to dissuade support from the LGBTQ community.

To be clear, the posters depicting pedophilia as an inclusive portion of the LGBTQ community is completely falsified. They were simply made up to harm the LGBTQ community, claiming to be associated with NAMBLA, an association formed in 1978 in advocacy for man/boy love, but lacking support, events and members. The LGBTQ community, as a whole, do not support NAMBLA.
Then Mirjam Heine, a German medical student at the University of Wurtzberg, gave a Ted Talk on pedophiles and how pedophilia is and should be considered a sexual orientation, that pedophiles should be more accepted to decrease isolation and risk an attack of a child.

Heine's points were argued against by doctors in the field. According to a CBN News interview, therapist and behavioral psychology expert Dr. Linda Mintle said, "Pedophilic disorder is a mental disorder. It is one type of mental disorder in the category of paraphilias."
She says pedophilia is difficult to treat, but says that "treatment –– understand, empathize, restrict, and intervene ... involves helping the offender take on the perspective of the victim and in identification with the victim, understand the harm that has been done."

The LGBTQ community advocates consensual love between two equals. The goals of the LGBTQ community is to advance human rights by decriminalizing homosexuality (still an issue in other countries) and pushing for anti-discrimination laws to protect the rights and safety of the LGBTQ community.

The LGBTQ community wants to bring more awareness to the plight of the community and how everyday people like you and me can help by voting, advocating for change and simply supporting those who may not have as many open allies on their side.

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APA to correct manual: Pedophilia is not a 'sexual orientation'

By Cheryl Wetzstein
The Washington Times
Thursday, October 31, 2013

Pedophilia is not a "sexual orientation," and erroneous use of that phrase will be corrected soon in its new manual on mental illnesses, the American Psychiatric Association said Thursday.
The APA's statement came in response to media inquiries, including from The Washington Times, about an uproar on the Internet that the APA had designated pedophilia as a sexual orientation in its new Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, known as DSM-5 or DSM-V.

About a week ago, a blog called NeonTommy, produced at Annenberg Digital News at the University of Southern California, said the APA had drawn a "very distinct line" between pedophilia and pedophilic disorder in its new manual.

According to the DSM-5, pedophilia "refers to a sexual orientation or profession of sexual preference devoid of consummation, whereas pedophilic disorder is defined as a compulsion and is used in reference to individuals who act on their sexuality," NeonTommy wrote.
The item was picked up and circulated on countless other Internet sites. Many bloggers bashed the APA for "mainstreaming" deviance and capitulating to pro-pedophile groups. Others tied it to gay issues — one wag wrote that it was "time to change the LGBT letterhead to LGBT&P."

The APA said in its statement that "'sexual orientation' is not a term used in the diagnostic criteria for pedophilic disorder and its use in the DSM-5 text discussion is an error and should read 'sexual interest.'"

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“In fact, APA considers pedophilic disorder a ’paraphilia,’ not a ’sexual orientation.’ This error will be corrected in the electronic version of DSM-5 and the next printing of the manual,” the organization said. The error appeared on page 698, said a spokeswoman.

It added: “APA stands firmly behind efforts to criminally prosecute those who sexually abuse and exploit children and adolescents. We also support continued efforts to develop treatments for those with pedophilic disorder with the goal of preventing future acts of abuse.”
The DSM-5 was released in May. For several years prior to that, major discussions were held about the pedophilia category.

In the end, however, only a small change was made: “Pedophilia” was changed to “pedophilic disorder,” to conform to other disorders in chapter on paraphilias, the APA said. The “diagnostic criteria essentially remained the same as in DSM-IV-TR,” it added.
To be diagnosed with a paraphilic disorder, DSM-5 requires that people “feel personal distress” about their atypical sexual interest or have a desire or behavior that harms another person or involves “unwilling” persons or “persons unable to give legal consent.”

Other DSM-5 paraphilias are exhibitionistic disorder, fetishistic disorder, frotteuristic disorder, sexual masochism disorder, sexual sadism disorder, transvestic disorder, voyeuristic disorder and pedophilic disorder. Despite all these things being labeled a “disorder” in DSMs for years, the actions some of them result in — for example, flashing, assault and battery, and “peeping Tom” behavior — are all uncontroversially illegal.
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Rejected petition

Stop pedophilia from becoming known as a sexual orientation

The government needs to make it known that pedophilia is not a sexual orientation and pedophiles should receive extremely serious consequences of their actions.

This petition was rejected

Why was this petition rejected?
It’s not clear what the petition is asking the UK Government or Parliament to do.

The Equality Act 2010 make sexual orientation a protected characteristic, but is clear that this only relates to a person's sexual orientation towards persons of the same sex, opposite sex or either sex. The Government has not set out any plans to extend these protections to people because of their

sexual orientation towards minors, and is active in tackling child sexual exploitation and abuse. There are already a number of criminal offences related to sexual activity with a child and indecent images of a child. Investigating and charging suspected offences is a matter for the police and Crown Prosecution Service.
If you're worried that a child or young person is at risk or is being abused you should contact your local authority or the police: https://www.gov.uk/report-child-abuse

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Petitions

UK Government and Parliament

10,000

If a petition gets 10,000 signatures, the government will respond

Hold a Public Inquiry into state pension age changes for women

The government responded on 24 May 2024
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11,791 signatures

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Changes to the State Pension age were made over a series of Acts. Starting with The Pensions Act 1995 to equalise State Pension age. The Pensions Act 2007 brought forward recommendations of the Pensions Commission that the State Pension age should be increased to reflect increases in life expectancy and legislated to increase State Pension age to 68 over a thirty-year period. The Pensions Act 2011 and 2014 accelerated these timetables. In addition, The Pensions Act 2014

legislated to introduce periodic reviews of State Pension age. Each Act followed detailed consideration of the issues through public consultations. For instance, The Pension Act 1995 was informed by both a Green Paper and a White Paper. All changes have been subject to extensive debates in both Houses of Parliament and associated analysis accompanied the Acts, such as the Summary of Impacts published on 21 November 2011 following Royal Assent of The Pensions Act 2011.

Increasing State Pension age has been a longstanding policy of successive administrations to ensure the sustainability of the State Pension and has also addressed an inequality in pension age between men and women. These issues have therefore been extensively considered by Parliament. They have also been considered by the Courts. Both the High Court in 2019 and Court of Appeal in 2020 found no fault in the actions of the Department for Work and Pensions, under successive governments dating back to 1995, finding it acted entirely lawfully and did not discriminate on any grounds.

The Court of Appeal found that not only was there was no duty to notify those affected by the change in State Pension age but that the High Court were entitled to conclude as a fact that DWP gave adequate and reasonable notification of State Pension age changes.

The Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO) has also investigated the way DWP communicated State Pension age changes from 1995 onwards impacting 1950s-born women. The Ombudsman published his report on 21 March 2024, the culmination of around 5 years' work.

The Ombudsman has used statutory powers to lay the report before Parliament and both Government and Parliament are carefully considering the report. There have been a number of recent debates and questions in Parliament on the issue.

A Public Inquiry would not be a good use of taxpayer's money. It could be expensive, and it is unclear what it would achieve when issues relating to State Pension age changes have been extensively scrutinised already.

This Government remains committed to ensuring that all older people can live with the dignity and respect they deserve, and the State Pension is the foundation of state support for older people.

In 2024-25 we will spend over £167 billion on benefits for pensioners. That is 6% of GDP and includes spending on the State Pension which is forecast to be around £138 billion in 2024-2025.

We are committed to the Triple Lock. This year we increased the basic and new State Pensions by 8.5%. In 2024/25, the full yearly amount of the basic State Pension will be £3,700 higher, in cash terms, than in 2010. That is around £990 more than if it had been uprated by prices, and around £1,000 more than if it had been uprated by earnings (since 2010).

In 2021/22, there were 200 thousand fewer pensioners in absolute poverty after housing costs than in 2009/10.

The 2016 State Pension reforms introduced the new State Pension, to be simpler, more sustainable and with a very clear objective of providing a foundation for private saving.

In this way the state provides a base to which people can add, to provide the pension they want

through their retirement. The new State Pension improves outcomes for many women, carers and self-employed people, who often did less well in the past.
State Pension outcomes are projected to equalise for men and women over a decade earlier than they would have done under the old system.
On average, women receiving the new State Pension receive around £18 per week more than women under the pre 2016 system. Under the new State Pension, on average women currently receive 97% of the amount received by men.
Automatic enrolment has helped millions more women save into a pension, many for the first time, with participation rates for women catching up with those for men. Pensions participation among eligible women working in the private sector was 86% in 2022, up from 40% in 2012.
Department for Work and Pensions

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Pedophilia Is Not A Sexual Orientation Or Gender, So It Has No Place In The LGBTQ+ Community
It is insane to think that pedophilia should be a part of the LGBTQ+ Community and we need to stop giving attention to this homophobic agenda.

Ciara Gazaway
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LGBTQ+ at Odyssey

http://dailycaller.com/2018/07/09/pedophiles-lgbt-community/

If you've been anywhere on social media recently, you've probably seen various posts about pedophilia and how some people are claiming it is a sexuality and belongs in the LGBTQ+ community.

Many people agree and think that this is an insane idea and have been shutting it down nonstop. However, there are people who actually believe this argument.

Ignorant claims like this put our equal rights and progression at a standstill.

Instead of fighting for the right to a fair adoption or protesting the treatment of trans people, we are fighting to prove that pedophiles are not us and we are not pedophiles. This argument is almost laughable because it is so ridiculous, but it is also very sad.
It is sad to think that there are people in this world who view our community like this. It is sad that we are having to fight this. It is sad that pedophiles and abusers are getting attention drawn to them. And it is sad that this is our new battle of 2018.

But nonetheless, we will fight the ignorance as we always have.

Sexual Orientation is defined as "a person's sexual identity in relation to the gender to which they are attracted; the fact of being heterosexual, homosexual, or bisexual," and Gender Identity is defined as "a person's perception of having a particular gender, which may or may not correspond with their birth sex."
Although these terms may be confusing for some, here is a simple fact that everyone should understand: "child" is not a gender. Therefore, the definition of sexual orientation cannot even be compared to pedophilia and neither can gender identity. Being attracted to a child is not the same as being attracted to a certain gender or sex.

Unfortunately, we live in a world where rape, sexual assault, and abuse is common. These things still exist in heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual, pansexual, asexual, etc relationships. But besides that, sex is consensual in these relationships. Two people are attracted to each other regardless of their gender, and they are choosing to be with one another, love one another, and may have sex with one another if that is what they chose.

But a child cannot make this choice.

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Although it is mainly out of ignorance, the people who view pedophiles and the LGBTQ+ community as the same are pushing a very homophobic and transphobic agenda. Our community is becoming more outcasted than we already are. Claims like this make it very hard to be out and proud in public. Arguments like this also make it hard for people to come out in general because they fear rejection

or could possibly fear for their life. Especially the trans members of our community who are already seen as "freaks." They are already compared to pedophiles and now with things like this in the media, transphobia is even more common.

We need to put a stop to this argument, educate others, and fight ignorance and homo/transphobia with love just like our community always has.

If you see a post on Facebook or overhear a conversation about this topic, speak up and defend your LGBTQ+ family. Educate the people around you, try your best to protect the trans people in your life, bring attention to better LGBTQ+ media, don't stop fighting for other key issues our community faces, and if anything, please don't stay silent.

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Exposing the Dangerous Movement to Normalize Pedophilia as a Sexual Orientation

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There is a growing and comprehensive attempt to normalize pedophilia in our culture. But it's important to first define what pedophilia means, particularly because the word is used to mean different things to different people.

At its most basic level, pedophilia refers to sexual attraction to children by an adult or older adolescent—not always the act of engaging in the sexual abuse of a child. However, sometimes the word is used to also refer to engaging in the act. For this blog post, we'll be using the word pedophilia primarily to refer to sexual attraction to children.

With that in mind, yes, there is an effort to normalize sexual attraction to children. As you can imagine, this is a recipe for disaster. **The movement is even going so far as to claim that pedophilia should be understood as a sexual orientation.** Their goal is to remove the stigma from "non-offending" pedophiles. One of the leaders of this movement is an organization called Prostasia Foundation that advocates for replacing the word "pedophile" with "minor attracted person," or "MAP."

Prostasia, who label themselves as "a new kind of child protection organization," state that they aim to reduce child sexual abuse by taking away the shame of being attracted to a minor, thereby reducing the likelihood of someone acting out on their desires.

But this organization's true colors are revealed by what they actually support: the use and sale of sex dolls that look like children, porn that simulates sex with a minor, and funding research into "fantasy sexual outlets" for pedophiles.

If that isn't enough to create caution, multiple sources have reported that two of Prostasia's past staff members, Guy Hamilton-Smith and Jeff White were both on the sex offender registry. Not surprisingly, one of their blogs actually called for the removal of the sex offender registry. Hamilton-Smith was listed for being found in posession of child sexual abuse material ("child porn") and White was arrested for "criminal sexual conduct with a child under the age of 13." The flags don't get any redder than this.

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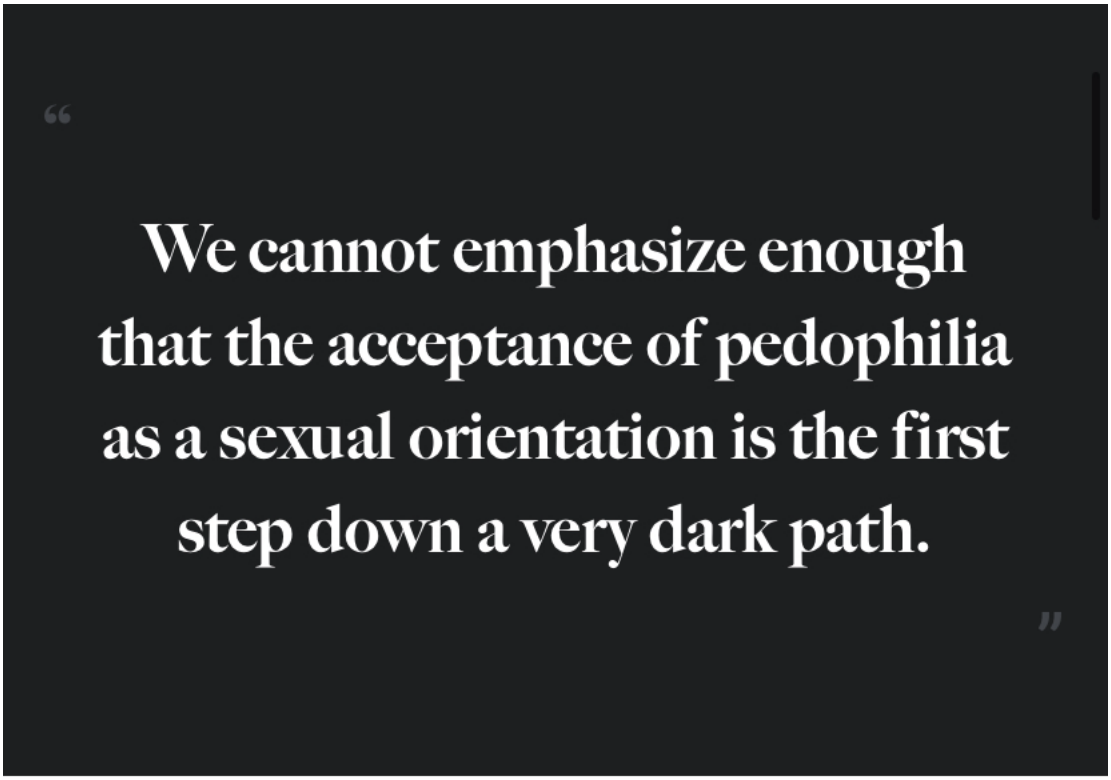
Prostasia's logic is clearly unsound. It can be compared to saying we should take away the stigma from the desire of a husband to beat his wife—maybe if he doesn't feel so bad about wanting to do it in the first place, he won't do it at all. If the husband could just repeatedly watch a video of someone else beating their wife to a pulp, and fantasize about the act, he'll have less desire to act out on it himself.

While we absolutely believe that there should be appropriate and improved avenues for pedophiles to seek help and therapy, the approach of normalizing and destigmatizing sexual attraction to children is severely misguided. In what world does normalizing the idea of a criminal act prevent that act from happening?
On the contrary, this kind of thinking works to create a greater demand for sex with children, whether consumed through child sexual abuse material ("child porn"), or in person—both of which directly and direly harm innocent children.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The "minor attracted person" or "MAPs" agenda has been gaining momentum for some time now. In 2018, at a TedX event in Germany, Mirjam Heine presented a talk entitled, "Why our perception of pedophelia has to change." In the talk, she states, "*Pedophilia is an unchangeable sexual orientation just like heterosexuality*," and, "*it is our responsibility to reflect and overcome our negative feelings about pedophiles and to treat them with the same respect we treat other people with.*"
More recently, the term, "MAP" was brought into the spotlight after an assistant professor at Old Dominion University, Allyn Walker, was interviewed by the Prostasia Foundation, about their book, *A Long Dark Shadow: Minor Attracted People and Their Pursuit of Dignity*. The interview rightly received huge backlash by students, faculty, and the general public, as many perceived Walker's words to be condoning pedophilia. Walker has since stepped down from the university but continues to join in with a growing group of educators who advocate for non-

offending "minor attracted people," believing they've done nothing wrong.

This isn't just a fringe topic. Just last week, USA Today published an article attempting to clarify misconceptions about pedophilia, and influencers like Lauren Chen and comic satirist JP Sears have created videos rejecting the notion that it's a good idea to normalize pedophilia.

We cannot emphasize enough that the acceptance of pedophilia as a sexual orientation is the first step down a very dark path. It's a path that leads to the abuse of children. And quite obviously, it puts children everywhere at risk. Associate Professor of Criminology at the UNSW, Michael Salter, recently took to Twitter to address the issue, tweeting, *"Sometimes stigma is good. Some things should be stigmatised."* He followed up by saying, ***"...the compulsion to abuse children is not a morally neutral one, and it should be stigmatised – i.e. attract social disapproval."*** We couldn't agree more.

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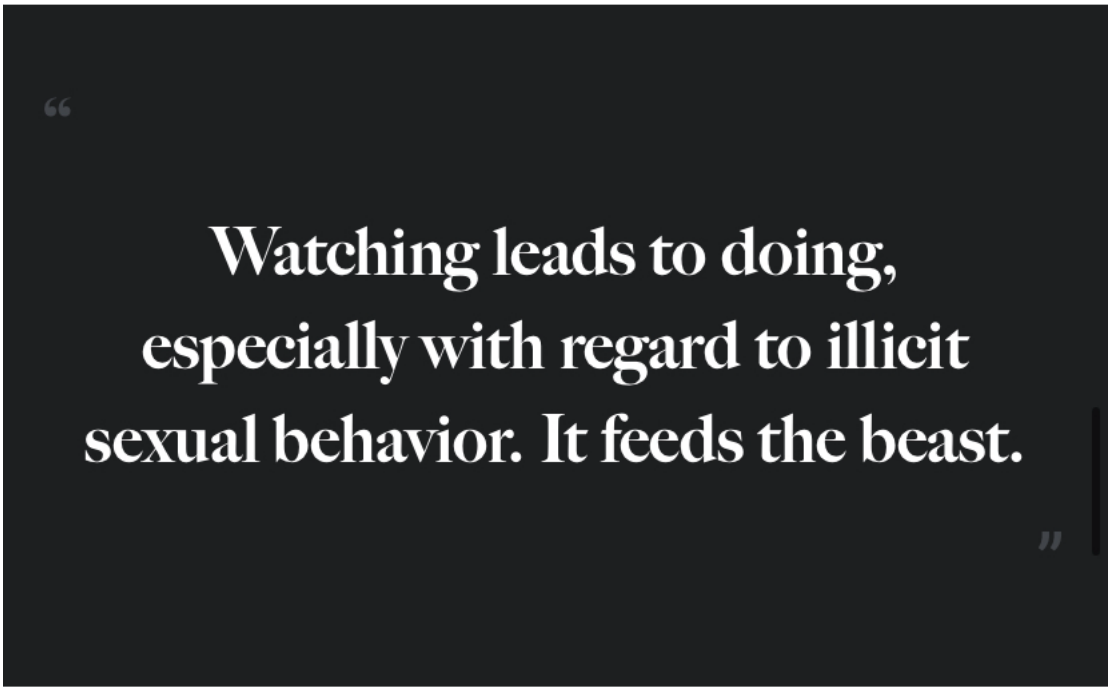
Proponents of the "MAP" movement argue that the negative association of the term pedophile causes such people to hide in the shadows which creates the further likelihood of them abusing children.

We know this logic doesn't actually work in the real world and **many studies have found that viewing images portraying sex with children—something Prostasia supports—led to an increase in actual child abuse offenses.**



Watching leads to doing, especially with regard to illicit sexual behavior. It feeds the beast.

In two US studies, the use of sexually explicit material via movies, magazines, and computers was associated, among boys, with sexual harassment

perpetration, and the use of violent pornography was related to the perpetration of sexual assault.

A Swedish study found that 70% of high school boys who were frequent viewers of porn, including that which featured violence and the sexual abuse of children and animals, reported that porn made them want to try out what they had seen.

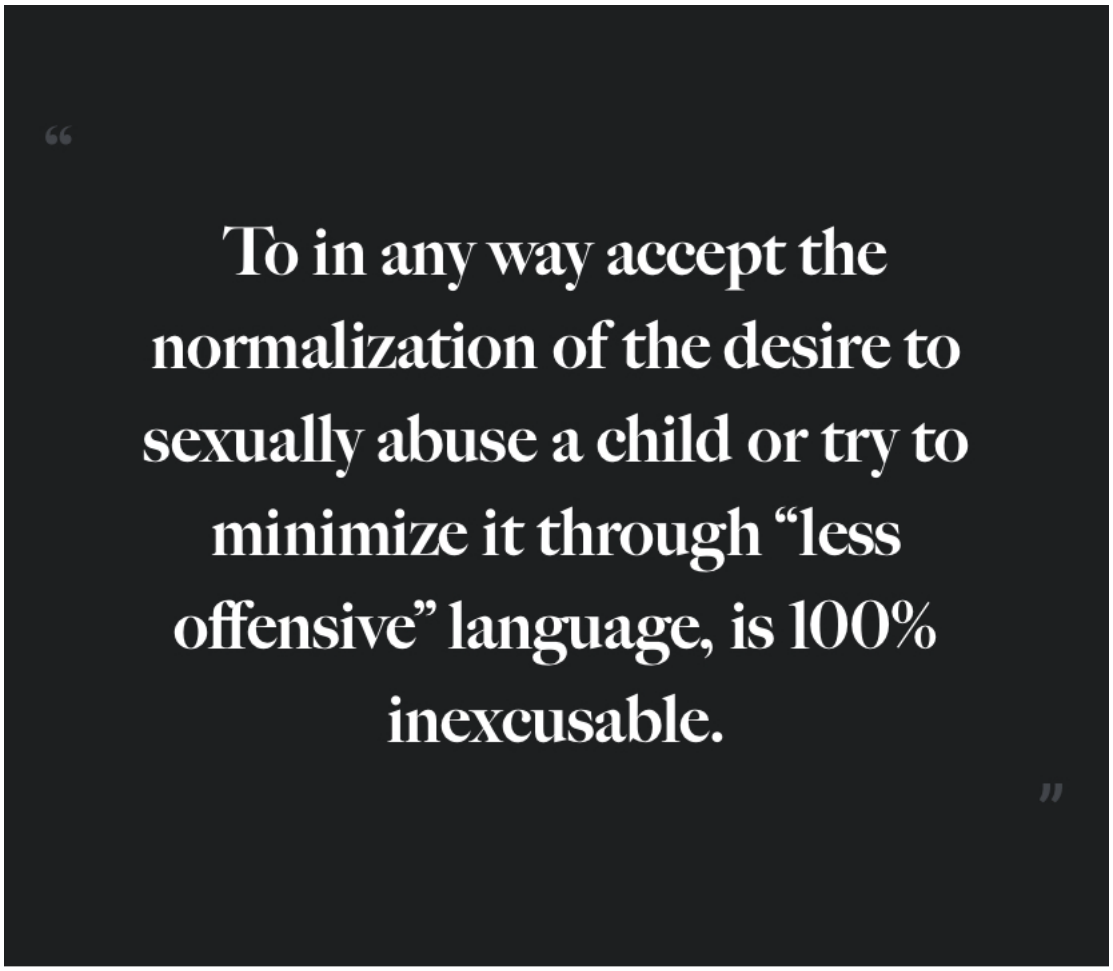
As one sex buyer described, in our film *Raised on Porn*, his porn addiction quickly escalated to the point where he said, *"I need to experience what I'm seeing,"* after which he cheated on his wife and purchased a woman in prostitution.

The push to normalize the desire to sexually abuse children comes as no surprise given the proliferation of "barely legal" porn, which is porn that portrays young women as children in sexual scenarios with adults. **"Barely Legal" or "teen" porn is among the most searched for porn categories on the internet and, in the name of free speech, these genres that glorify the sexual objectification of children have been able to thrive.**

Tragically, in America this kind of porn is legal. Of the 118 countries that have laws concerning child sexual abuse material (also known as child pornography), America is 1 of only 18 other countries in the world that allows over 18-year-olds to portray children in porn.

Sexual abuse as a child is one of the most devastating and traumatic events that can happen in a person's life and, unfortunately, it's prolific in today's world. One in nine girls and one in 53 boys under the age of 18 experience sexual abuse or assault at the hands of an adult.

Sexual abuse can be crippling to a child's development, and according to RAINN, victims are 4 times more likely to develop symptoms of drug abuse, PTSD, and major depressive episodes as adults.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According to the Internet Watch Foundation, in 2021, there is fifteen times more child sexual abuse material (“child porn”) found online than there was 10 years ago!

The Guardian reported on a study in the UK which found that the majority of child sexual abuse rings were made up of men under the age of 30. That means that the men in these gangs grew up in the age of high speed internet in which, more than any time in history, they’ve had unfettered access to porn that glorifies the sexual abuse of children.

If the push to use the term “minor attracted person” was merely meant to clarify the difference between those who have sexual attraction toward children and those who actually act on it, that would be one thing. But as organizations like Prostasia demonstrate, this is about creating widespread acceptance for thoughts and acts that embrace and glorify the sexual abuse of children. Don’t be fooled by this movement’s cover narrative.

As an anti-trafficking organization, we deeply believe that the use of language is powerful in shaping culture and public perception. **To in any way accept the normalization of the desire to sexually abuse a child or try to minimize it through “less offensive” language, is 100% inexcusable.**

We advocate for the protection of children from sexual exploitation of all kinds,

and that starts with how we think about and talk about acts of sexual abuse. Later this year, we're releasing a film that will shine a bold spotlight onto the human rights abuses within the porn industry. *Beyond Fantasy*will be a hard-hitting 3-part film series that uncovers the industry's widespread exploitation. The "*Barely Legal*" episode will expose the genre of porn that overtly promotes the sexual abuse of children, which has become common in mainstream porn. Stay tuned for details regarding its soon release.

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1. Join 60k+ others by signing the petitiondemanding age verification, with ID, on every single porn site. Then share it.
2. Watch Raised on Porn, free on YouTube, then like, comment, and share it with 5 friends.
3. Give here. Your gift will provide critical resources to help fuel the fight against commercial sexual exploitation and the protection of children.

Transgender Minnesota lawmaker introduces bill removing anti-pedophile language from state's Human Rights Act

Minnesota state Rep. Leigh Finke told Fox News Digital the language 'never should have been included in the statutory definition in the first place'

By Kyle Morris Fox News

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A transgender state lawmaker in Minnesota introduced a measure that would remove language from the state's Human Rights Act that currently declares pedophiles are not included in protections based on "sexual orientation."

The proposed language has shocked and bewildered Republicans, but the bill's author says nothing in the text would weaken pedophilia laws. The "Take Pride Act" (HF 1655) was introduced earlier this year by state Rep. Leigh Finke, a member of the Democratic–Farmer–Labor Party and the first transgender legislator in Minnesota House history.

The bill would amend Minnesota's Human Rights Act, which is described by the state as "one of the strongest civil rights laws in the country." The current Human Rights Act protects against discrimination based on sexual orientation, defined as "having or being perceived as having an emotional, physical, or sexual attachment to another person without regard to the sex of that person or having or being perceived as having an orientation for such attachment, or having or being perceived as having a self-image or identity not traditionally associated with one's biological maleness or femaleness."

The law also includes this caveat: "'Sexual orientation' does not include a physical or sexual attachment to children by an adult." That language would be removed under Finke's proposal.

MINNESOTA LAWMAKERS CONSIDERING 'RED FLAG' LAW, BACKGROUND CHECK EXPANSION

The "Take Pride Act" was introduced earlier this year by state Rep. Leigh Finke, a member of the Democratic–Farmer–Labor Party and the first transgender legislator in Minnesota House history. (Kerem Yucel/AFP, Minnesota House of Representatives/Rep. Leigh Finke)

Reached for comment Wednesday, Finke defended the bill and told Fox News Digital that the measure "updates outdated language that incorrectly ties pedophilia to a person's sexual orientation."

"Nothing in the bill changes or weakens any crimes against children, or the state's ability to prosecute those who break the law," Finke said. "Of course, pedophilia is not a sexual orientation. The language never should have been included in the statutory definition in the first place. Crimes against children are located in Minnesota's criminal statutes, and again, they remain unchanged."

In addition to the change in definition for "sexual orientation," Finke's measure also includes the addition of a definition for "gender identity," which Finke used throughout the proposed amendments to the state's Human Rights Act.

The proposed definition reads: "'Gender identity' means a person's inherent sense of being a man, woman, both, or neither. A person's gender identity may or may not correspond to their assigned sex at birth or to their primary or secondary sex characteristics. A person's gender identity is not necessarily visible to others."

MONTANA REPUBLICANS CONDEMN 'HATE-FILLED' REMARKS BY TRANSGENDER REP. ZOOEY ZEPHYR: 'NOT PUBLIC SERVICE'

A view outside the Minnesota State Capitol building in St. Paul on June 20, 2020. (Stephen Maturen/Getty Images)

Finke's measure, according to one Minnesota House source, was incorporated into the Judiciary Policy omnibus bill slated to come up for consideration on the House Floor on Wednesday.

"Under the Human Rights Act, the definition of sexual orientation says that sexual orientation does not include physical or sexual attraction to children by an adult — or, more simply described, pedophilia. The Democrats' decision to strike this language is disturbing and inexplicable," GOP House Minority Leader Lisa Demuth said in a statement to Fox News Digital.

Rep. Leigh Finke, DFL-St. Paul, speaks with members of Moms Demand Action outside the Minnesota Legislature Senate Chamber on Jan. 3, 2023. (Glen Stubbe/Star Tribune via Getty Images)

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"House Republicans will be presenting an amendment today to clarify that pedophilia is absolutely not a protected class under the Human Rights Act. We sincerely hope Democrats will join us in ensuring our children are protected," Demuth added.

Additional provisions in the measure offered by Finke seek to enhance sexual orientation and gender identity protections in housing, as well as ensure that nonprofits abide by non-discrimination laws.

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A Minnesota lawmaker introduced a bill that would make it "illegal to discriminate against child rapists."

Rep. Leigh Finke, D-St. Paul, attends a legislative session Jan. 3, 2023, in St. Paul, Minnesota. (AP)

Minnesota bill does not create a protected class for child sex offenders

IF YOUR TIME IS SHORT

- The bill updates the definition of "sexual orientation" in Minnesota's Human Rights Act. But this does not create a protected class for pedophilia.
- Legal experts said laws prohibiting discrimination because of sexual orientation do not extend to child sex offenders, regardless of whether they are explicitly singled out.
- An amendment was added to specify that child sex offenders are not protected under the state's Human Rights Act.

See the sources for this fact-check

Did the Minnesota House pass a bill that would make it illegal to discriminate against child rapists? Gays Against Groomers, an organization of gay people who oppose the "sexualization, indoctrination and medicalization of children under the guise of 'LGBTQIA+,'" claimed a proposed change in the Minnesota Statutes is part of an effort to "legalize pedophilia."

"BREAKING: A transgender representative in Minnesota has introduced a bill that will remove the exclusion of pedophiles from the protected class of 'sexual orientation,'" the group tweeted April 26. "This means it will be illegal to discriminate against child rapists."

Some reports from conservative news outlets also claimed that the bill would remove "anti-

pedophile language."

These claims are misleading.

Rep. Leigh Finke, D-St. Paul, who is transgender, wrote House File 1655, also called the "Take Pride Act." The bill createsa new definition for "gender identity" in the Minnesota Human Rights Act and makes it a violation to discriminate against people based on their gender identities in housing and education, for example.

The bill also removes a line on the existing definition of "sexual orientation" that says: "'Sexual orientation' does not include a physical or sexual attachment to children by an adult."

Gays Against Groomers argue this change would make it harder to discriminate against child sex offenders.

But legal experts we interviewed agreed that laws prohibiting discrimination because of sexual orientation do not protect pedophiles, regardless of whether the laws have that specific disclaimer.

California Assembly Bill 1955 "would allow schools to secretly, socially and perhaps medically transition your child without your knowledge and consent."

Arthur Leonard, a New York Law School law professor who frequently speaks on sexual orientation law, told PolitiFact, "I am unaware of actual cases in which courts have interpreted bans on discrimination because of sexual orientation to protect 'pedophiles' from discrimination or from prosecution under criminal laws."

David B. Cruz, Newton Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Southern California Gould School of Law, said it is generally accepted in legal contexts that the term "sexual" in "sexual orientation" refers to the sex or gender/s of people to whom someone is attracted.

"Textually, then, the phrase 'sexual orientation' does not require a disclaimer to rule out non-gender-based aspects of attraction," he said. "With nothing more, this makes it inconceivable that the proposed change to Minnesota law would affect the scope of the protections it affords."

Minnesota statutes already specify that sexual orientation is about having attachments to another person regardless of that person's sex, not that person's age, said Brian Soucek, a law professor at the University of California, Davis School of Law. "No court in the country has or would ever say that a law protecting people from discrimination based on their sexual orientation extends to protecting pedophilia."

The Take Pride Act was folded into a larger bill of civil law policy changes. State Rep. Jamie Becker-Finn addressed the changes April 26 on the House floor, acknowledging that the provision on sexual orientation has "gone off the rails a bit on social media."

"Nothing in the bill changes or weakens any of the crimes against children in our criminal statute, or the state's ability to prosecute those who break the law. Of course pedophilia is not a protected class, is not a sexual orientation, which is why the language never should have been in the bill in the first place," Becker-Finn said.

In Minnesota, penetration with a person younger than 18 or sexual contact with a person younger than 14 could lead to a charge of first-degree criminal sexual conduct. It is punishable by up to 30

years of imprisonment, a fine of up to $40,000, or both.
To further ensure that child sex offenders would not be protected under the state's Human Rights Act, Rep. Harry Niska, R-Ramsey, proposed adding language to the civil law policy bill saying, "The physical or sexual attachment to children by an adult is not a protected class under this chapter." The amendment was added to the bill, which the House passed April 26; the measure awaits a Senate vote.
We rate this claim False.
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OPINION: NEW CALIFORNIA LAW PROTECTING PEDOPHILIA IS VILE
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A couple weeks ago, California Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) signed a law that would allow judges to decide whether or not to list someone as a sex offender for having oral or anal sex with a minor. This bill has appalled many, as it should, and yet some have failed to realize that it was simply meant to expand the discretion that was already granted to judges in the past. In a previous bill passed in California in 1944, judges were allowed to make this call, but it only applied to vaginal intercourse with a minor. Now, this new bill allows judges to expand the law, adhearing to homosexual actions. This means that an already existing evil has been turned into an even bigger one.
Although some are saying this bill does not equal the legalization of pedophilia, in a sense, it very well represents a step closer toward that heinous reality. This bill was passed in the name of "equality," claiming that LGBTQ+ minors deserve the right to consensual sex, too. Yet, truly, the only people benefiting from this bill are those who should be charged as offenders, but are instead, being defended by the state.
A child is defined as an individual under the age of 18, as stated by UNICEF. According to their Convention on the Rights of the Child, the government should protect children from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse. This includes people forcing children to have sex for money or making sexual pictures or films of them. In passing this bill and the one passed over 50 years ago,

government officials in the state of California are failing to protect minors from sexual exploitation, which is their duty as elected government officials.

According to the bill, it only applies to consensual sex (whether it be vaginal, oral or anal) between a minor 14 years or older. But at 14 years of age, a minor is still just that – a minor. Most laws recognize individuals younger than 18 as minors, which is the case with U.S. law, and yet, most scientists are agreeing that individuals don't really reach full maturity until the age of 25.

At age 18 any American citizen is allowed to vote, enlist in the army and move out on his or her own. All of these things require a lot of responsibility and emotional maturity. Other things, such as drinking alcoholic beverages, are only allowed after an individual is 21.

Clearly, the law understands that there are certain things in life that require a citizen to be older and more mature, given that they entail actions that could potentially harm the individual or other individuals.

Why then, does the government believe a 14-year-old girl or boy is mature enough to consent to sex with someone who is up to 10 years older than they are? The truth is, they are not. In passing this bill, not only is the government once more stripping children of the protection they need to have, but they are also opening doors for sex offenders to continue to go unprosecuted and uncharged. This is no longer a world children are safe to grow up in.

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Child protection

Paedophilia: bringing dark desires to light

The Jimmy Savile scandal caused public revulsion, but experts disagree about what causes paedophilia - and even how much harm it causes

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In 1976 the National Council for Civil Liberties, the respectable (and responsible) pressure group now known as Liberty, made a submission to parliament's criminal law revision committee. It caused barely a ripple. "Childhood sexual experiences, willingly engaged in with an adult," it read, "result in no identifiable damage … The real need is a change in the attitude which assumes that all cases of paedophilia result in lasting damage."

It is difficult today, after the public firestorm unleashed by revelations about Jimmy Savile and the host of child abuse allegations they have triggered, to imagine any mainstream group making anything like such a claim. But if it is shocking to realise how dramatically attitudes to paedophilia have changed in just three decades, it is even more surprising to discover how little agreement there is even now among those who are considered experts on the subject.

A liberal professor of psychology who studied in the late 1970s will see things very differently from someone working in child protection, or with convicted sex offenders. There is, astonishingly, not even a full academic consensus on whether consensual paedophilic relations necessarily cause harm.

So what, then, do we know? A paedophile is someone who has a primary or exclusive sexual interest in prepubescent children. Savile appears to have been primarily an ephebophile, defined as someone who has a similar preferential attraction to adolescents, though there have been claims one of his victims was aged eight.

But not all paedophiles are child molesters, and vice versa: by no means every paedophile acts on his impulses, and many people who sexually abuse children are not exclusively or primarily sexually attracted to them. In fact, "true" paedophiles are estimated by some experts to account for only 20% of sexual abusers. Nor are paedophiles necessarily violent: no firm links have so far been established between paedophilia and aggressive or psychotic symptoms. Psychologist Glenn Wilson, co-author of The Child-Lovers: a Study of Paedophiles in Society, argues that "The majority of paedophiles, however socially inappropriate, seem to be gentle and rational."

Legal definitions of paedophilia, needless to say, have no truck with such niceties, focusing on the offence, not the offender. The Sex Offenders Act 1997 defined paedophilia as a sexual relationship between an adult over 18 and a child below 16.

There is much more we don't know, including how many paedophiles there are: 1-2% of men is a widely accepted figure, but Sarah Goode, honorary research fellow at the University of Winchester and author of two major 2009 and 2011 sociological studies on paedophilia in society, says the best current estimate – based on possibly flawed science – is that "one in five of all adult men are, to some degree, capable of being sexually aroused by children". Even less is known about female paedophiles, thought to be responsible for maybe 5% of abuse against pre-pubescent children in the UK.

Debate still rages, too, about the clinical definition of paedophilia. Down the years, the American

Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders – "the psychiatrist's bible" – has variously classified it as a sexual deviation, a sociopathic condition and a non-psychotic medical disorder. And few agree about what causes it. Is paedophilia innate or acquired? Research at the sexual behaviours clinic of Canada's Centre for Addiction and Mental Health suggests paedophiles' IQs are, on average, 10% lower than those of sex offenders who had abused adults, and that paedophiles are significantly less likely to be right-handed than the rest of the population, suggesting a link to brain development. MRI scans reveal a possible issue with paedophiles' "white matter": the signals connecting different areas of the brain. Paedophiles may be wired differently.

This is radical stuff. But there is a growing conviction, notably in Canada, that paedophilia should probably be classified as a distinct sexual orientation, like heterosexuality or homosexuality. Two eminent researchers testified to that effect to a Canadian parliamentary commission last year, and the Harvard Mental Health Letter of July 2010 stated baldly that paedophilia "is a sexual orientation" and therefore "unlikely to change".

Child protection agencies and many who work with sex offenders dislike this. "Broadly speaking, in the world of people who work with sex offenders here, [paedophilia] is learned behaviour," says Donald Findlater, director of research and development at the Lucy Faithfull Foundation, a charity dedicated to preventing child sexual abuse, and, before it closed, manager of leading treatment centre the Wolvercote Clinic. "There may be some vulnerabilities that could be genetic, but normally there are some significant events in a person's life, a sexually abusive event, a bullying environment ... I believe it is learned, and can be unlearned."

Chris Wilson of Circles UK, which helps released offenders, also rejects the idea that paedophilia is a sexual orientation: "The roots of that desire for sex with a child lie in dysfunctional psychological issues to do with power, control, anger, emotional loneliness, isolation."

If the complexity and divergence of professional opinion may have helped create today's panic around paedophilia, a media obsession with the subject has done more: a sustained hue and cry exemplified by the News of the World's notorious "name and shame" campaign in 2000, which brought mobs on to the streets to demonstrate against the presence of shadowy monsters in their midst. As a result, paranoia about the danger from solitary, predatory deviants far outweighs the infinitely more real menace of abuse within the home or extended circle. "The vast majority of sexual violence is committed by people known to the victim," stresses Kieran Mccartan, senior lecturer in criminology at the University of the West of England. Only very rarely is the danger from the "stranger in the white van", Mccartan says.

The reclassification of paedophilia as a sexual orientation would, however, play into what Goode calls "the sexual liberation discourse", which has existed since the 1970s. "There are a lot of people," she says, "who say: we outlawed homosexuality, and we were wrong. Perhaps we're wrong about paedophilia."

Social perceptions do change. Child brides were once the norm; in the late 16th century the age of consent in England was 10. More recently, campaigning organisations of the 70s and 80s such as

the Paedophile Information Exchange (PIE) and Paedophile Action for Liberation were active members of the NCCL when it made its parliamentary submission questioning the lasting damage caused by consensual paedophilic relations.

Even now there is no academic consensus on that fundamental question – as Goode found. Some academics do not dispute the view of Tom O'Carroll, a former chairman of PIE and tireless paedophilia advocate with a conviction for distributing indecent photographs of children following a sting operation, that society's outrage at paedophilic relationships is essentially emotional, irrational, and not justified by science. "It is the quality of the relationship that matters," O'Carroll insists. "If there's no bullying, no coercion, no abuse of power, if the child enters into the relationship voluntarily … the evidence shows there need be no harm."

This is not, obviously, a widely held view. Mccartan uses O'Carroll's book Paedophilia: the Radical Case in his teaching as "it shows how sex offenders justify themselves". Findlater says the notion that a seven-year-old can make an informed choice for consensual sex with an adult is "just preposterous. It is adults exploiting children." Goode says simply: "Children are not developmentally ready for adult sexuality," adding that it is "intrusive behaviour that violates the child's emerging self-identity" and can be similar in long-term impact to adults experiencing domestic violence or torture.

But not all experts are sure. A Dutch study published in 1987 found that a sample of boys in paedophilic relationships felt positively about them. And a major if still controversial 1998-2000 meta-study suggests – as J Michael Bailey of Northwestern University, Chicago, says – that such relationships, entered into voluntarily, are "nearly uncorrelated with undesirable outcomes".

Most people find that idea impossible. But writing last year in the peer-reviewed Archives of Sexual Behaviour, Bailey said that while he also found the notion "disturbing", he was forced to recognise that "persuasive evidence for the harmfulness of paedophilic relationships does not yet exist".

If that assertion does nothing else, it underlines the need for more research on paedophilia – something on which everyone in the field at least is agreed. There is, too, broad consensus around the idea that the approach to paedophilia must be about management and prevention: on stopping potential offenders making that contact (or downloading that image).

Initiatives such as Stop It Now!, which Findlater runs, exemplify this: a telephone helpline offering advice to people worried they may be having inappropriate sexual impulses. A similar German programme, Prevention Project Dunkelfeld, has as its slogan: "You are not guilty because of your sexual desire, but you are responsible for your sexual behaviour. There is help."

For convicted abusers, Circles UK aims to prevent reoffending by forming volunteer "circles of support and accountability" around recently released offenders, reducing isolation and emotional loneliness and providing practical help. In Canada, where it originated, it has cut reoffending by 70%, and is yielding excellent results here too. The goal of all treatment, Findlater says, is "people achieving a daily motivation not to cause harm again. Our goal is self-management in the future."

For Goode, though, broader, societal change is needed. "Adult sexual attraction to children is part of the continuum of human sexuality; it's not something we can eliminate," she says. "If we can talk about this rationally – acknowledge that yes, men do get sexually attracted to children, but no, they don't have to act on it – we can maybe avoid the hysteria. We won't label paedophiles monsters; it won't be taboo to see and name what is happening in front of us."
We can help keep children safe, Goode argues, "by allowing paedophiles to be ordinary members of society, with moral standards like everyone else", and by "respecting and valuing those paedophiles who choose self-restraint". Only then will men tempted to abuse children "be able to be honest about their feelings, and perhaps find people around them who could support them and challenge their behaviour before children get harmed".
• This article was amended on 3 January 2012. The original incorrectly suggested that the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders was published by the American Psychological Association, and misspelled Dunkelfeld as Dunkenfeld. This article was further amended on 21 January 2013 because the original referred to Sarah Goode as a senior lecturer at the University of Winchester. This has been corrected to say honorary research fellow.

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Michael Abrahams | The push to normalise paedophilia

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Recently, a friend sent me a video she thought would interest me. In the clip, a young woman with a European accent is seen giving what appears to be a TED Talk to a live audience. During her monologue, she said, “It is our responsibility to reflect and to overcome our negative feelings about paedophiles and treat them with the same respect we treat other people,” adding, “We should accept that paedophilia is a sexual preference.”

I have become wary of commenting on snippets of videos without seeing what came before or after the clip I watch, as the context may be lost when I see only a fraction of a talk or an event. So, I searched the Internet and found the original video. The speaker was Mirjam Heine, a German medical student, and she was delivering a TEDxTalk at the University of Würzburg in Germany titled ‘Why our perception of paedophilia has to change’. During her talk, she claims that paedophilia is

simply another sexual orientation. To be clear, Heine does not condone adults having sexual contact with children. Indeed, she argues, "The difference between paedophilia and other sexual orientations is that living out this sexual orientation will end in a disaster."

SEXUAL ORIENTATION

I get her argument about paedophilia being a sexual orientation. I also get the point that orientation does not equate to actions. For example, there are heterosexuals, lesbians and gay men who have died virgins. My issue, however, is that claiming paedophilia is merely an orientation and is deserving of de-stigmatisation leads us down a slippery slope to normalising it; and there is a push to do so. According to Carson Holloway, a political science professor at the University of Nebraska and a leading analyst of cultural trends, "A trend towards normalizing paedophilia is the latest manifestation of a dangerous understanding of human sexuality that has become more prevalent over the last 30 years."

There is evidence to support Holloway's statement. In July of 1998, **Psychological Bulletin**, an American academic psychology journal published by the American Psychological Association, carried an article examining all the research studying the harm done by childhood sexual abuse. The researchers concluded that, on average, psychological harm from this activity was minimal, and that some of the harm was not due to the experience itself, but the social and cultural taboos associated with the practice. The authors of the article suggested that psychologists stop using judgemental terms like 'child abuse', 'molestation', and 'victims'. Instead, neutral words such as 'adult-child sex' were to be used.

Many scientists and researchers subsequently criticised the study because its methodology and conclusions were poorly designed and statistically flawed. Numerous research studies, as well as expert opinion in the field of psychology, both before and after the abovementioned publication, have long supported the stance that children cannot consent to sexual activity, and that child and adolescent sexual abuse causes harm. There is much research showing the adverse effects of child sexual abuse, from mental disorders such as depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder and eating disorders to sexual dysfunction, suicidal ideation and substance abuse, to even physical illnesses such as endometriosis and autoimmune diseases.

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CONCERTED EFFORTS

More than two decades later, concerted efforts are still being made to normalise sexual relations between adults and children. One of the most recent cases involves the United Nations' International Committee of Jurists (ICJ), the intergovernmental organisation's principal judicial organ. In 2023, the committee unveiled a new set of proposals for legal principles. The document states, in part, *"Moreover, sexual conduct involving persons below the domestically prescribed minimum age of consent to sex may be consensual in fact, if not in law. In this context, the enforcement of criminal law should reflect the rights and capacity of persons under 18 years of age*

to make decisions about engaging in consensual sexual conduct and their right to be heard in matters concerning them." The report sets no age at which a child cannot consent to sex. If its recommendations are implemented, these would presumably discard regulations on minimum age requirements for sexual relations and pave the way for the decriminalisation of adults engaging in sexual activity with minors.

What is also disturbing is the fact that several organisations exist that are dedicated to the advocacy of sexual relations between adults and minors. These include the North American Man/Boy Love Association, Ipce (formerly International Pedophile and Child Emancipation) and Newgon Organization, an online group that advocates for "paedophile rights".

There is a word for sex between an adult and a child, and the word is 'rape'. There are also words for other types of sexual contact between them, and these are 'molestation' and 'abuse'. A child is unable to give consent for such activity. We must all be vigilant and resolute, and not allow individuals or organisations to redefine what type of activities our children should be allowed to engage in. Paedophiles are not 'minor-attracted persons', as some would have us call them. They are disturbed individuals who need help, which should be provided for them. But we must also shield and protect our children from them and adopt a zero-tolerance approach to child sexual abuse.

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We've Reached The '+': Pedophilia is Being Normalized, Popularized, and Defended

"If you've watched as our country and culture slide down the slippery slope of the sexual revolution, from legalizing sodomy to legalizing gay marriage to normalizing transgenderism to making "trans kids," and you think that we won't end up legalizing pedophilia in America in the next few years — you are sorely mistaken. The United Nations already has the legal justification ready to go."

–WILLIAM WOLFE

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As the sexual revolution marches on, its acronym grows with it. Now, the letters are well-known or intuitive enough: Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual. But what does the "+" stand for?

We are finally finding out: The "+" stands for pedophilia (and more). In fact, it always has, but now it's becoming painfully obvious.

In a shocking turn of events, the United Nations recently released a report calling for the decriminalization of sex with minors.

Published on International Women's Day, the report is titled, "The 8 March Principles

for a Human Rights-Based Approach to Criminal Law Proscribing Conduct Associated with Sex, Reproduction, Drug Use, HIV, Homelessness and Poverty."

The report was written by the International Committee of Jurists (ICJ), the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in order to consider the "application of international human rights law to criminal law."

Referred to as the "8 March principles" for short, the report clearly calls for offenses related to "sex, drug use, HIV, sexual and reproductive health, homelessness and poverty" to be decriminalized.

And this includes offenses related to sex with children.

The report makes this very clear. First, they begin by making an entirely "consent-based" moral argument for the permissibility of sexual activity, writing, "Consensual sexual conduct, irrespective of the type of sexual activity, the sex/gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression of the people involved or their marital status, may not be criminalized in any circumstances."

This sets the stage for their attempt to justify pedophilia. How? Because if you argue that the only thing that matters when it comes to sex is "consent," then they can argue that a minor can, in fact, consent to sex with an adult.

Which is exactly what they do next, explaining:

"Moreover, sexual conduct involving persons below the domestically prescribed minimum age of consent to sex may be consensual in fact, if not in law. In this context, the enforcement of criminal law should reflect the rights and capacity of persons under 18 years of age to make decisions about engaging in consensual sexual conduct and their right to be heard in matters concerning them."

Now we know what the "+" stands for — legalizing pedophilia. The "+" should be a "P," as that would be far more honest.

The honest truth is that legalized pedophilia — among other forms of sexual immorality — is where the sexual revolution has been heading for decades now. Because once you sever sex from marriage, procreation, biology, and any foundation of morality other than mere consent, there can be no stopping that train. The brakes are cut. The "+" stands for pedophilia, yes, but also much, much more.

Along with this shocking report, you will have spotted, if you pay attention to the news, an uptick in both stories about pedophiles caught in the act and what appears to be a full-court press to "normalize" talking to minors about sexual activity. Fox News recently reported, "Gates funds millions to NGO claiming kids born sexual, 10-year-olds should learn about 'commercial sex work.'" The New York Post reported, "At least 6 female teachers arrested for sexual misconduct with students over two days across US." Or consider the horrific story of two homosexual men who abused their adopted

children by molesting them and even making child pornography with them.

The LGB leads to the T. And beyond the T, it leads to a P — pedophilia.

This is what gender theorists want, after all. Critical gender and queer theorists have, for years, been arguing that the "oppressive" structures of religion and the modern family prevent children from fully exploring their sexuality in all the various, sundry, and sinful ways that they should be free to pursue.

In fact, the "Godfather of Queer Theory," Michel Foucault, "argued in favor of pedophilia because the traditionally patriarchal society establishes oppressive sexual norms based upon heterosexual dominance. Therefore, children are able to give consent to sexual relations, and both children and pedophiles are only denied sexual experiences by the oppressive heterosexual oppressors."

And Foucault practiced what he preached — he was known for repeatedly raping young boys in Tunisia.

Here is the point: If you've watched as our country and culture slide down the slippery slope of the sexual revolution, from legalizing sodomy to legalizing gay marriage to normalizing transgenderism to making "trans kids," and you think that we won't end up legalizing pedophilia in America in the next few years — you are sorely mistaken. The United Nations already has the legal justification ready to go.

So how should Christians respond? As pastor and theologian Joe Rigney explained:

"He who says A will say B. He who says L, G, B, will say T, Q, +. The move from one to the other is just what cancer does when left untreated. Part of our task is to help regular Americans see the organic connection between same-sex mirage and the transgender insanity. The Left is trying to use cultural acceptance of LGB to press for TQ+.

We must labor to use the human recoil against TQ+ to roll back the wicked custom of LGB. This will require the same kind of intentional, patient, and courageous clarity that has marked the pro-life movement for 50 years and led to the overthrow of *Roe*. And a conservatism that is unwilling to conserve the most fundamental institution of human society is worthless."

Christians must be on the frontlines of the fight to prevent the "+" from coming to fruition in our society. We do that by rejecting the roots of the entire project: The T, B, G, and L. All of it. We know that all of it is a sin before our Holy God and that no just society should tolerate the legalization — let alone the celebration — of damning and destructive sexual sins.

Still, when it comes to the question of protecting our own kids and all American children, there needs to be exponentially elevated levels of concern and action. This is no time to say, "live and let live" or "not my problem." As Jesus Christ warned,

"If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it

would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea."

–Matthew 18:6

We already know that millstones are being fitted for many of the workers at the Mouse House and Disney World, with their admission of grooming kids with a gay agenda. But many more are being fashioned as well for teachers across the country who are trying to push a radical LGBTQIA+ agenda on their students — both in theory and, most evilly, in practice, as we saw from the examples above.

Christians must be on the front lines of rolling back this wicked agenda — in the schools, in the media, in the courts, and in the culture.

Too many brothers and sisters in Christ were duped by the argument that "what two consenting adults do in the privacy of their own home isn't our problem." Well, when what those adults are doing no longer stays in the home, but gets put on Main Street during Gay Pride Parades or put on television shows in the form of children forced to look at naked transgender adults, guess what? It *is* our problem.

It's said that "knowing is half the battle." Well, now you know where this is headed. The United Nations said the quiet part out loud.

We must resolve to "not be worthless" as conservative Christians in politics. We must lead a push to recover sexual sanity in our nation, a pro-marriage, pro-family, and pro-children movement that rolls back the LGBTQIA+ agenda, starting now, before the "+" really takes off. Because once it does, it won't stop at pedophilia — because it can't.

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Has The DSM Really Been Changed To Make Pedophilia A "Sexual Orientation"?

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It would appear not, according to Greg Popcak. For which, I am grateful.

The distinction the DSM appears to make is between those who feel the temptation and those who act on it. As Catholics, we need to be aware such a distinction ourselves since the mere fact of a disordered desire does not mean a sin has been committed. At the same time, of course, those who struggle with such temptations should be helped, prayed for–and kept from temptation whenever possible. I mention this because at least one site that I saw discussing this distinction of the DSM was full

of people calling for the indiscriminate castration of anybody struggling with this particular form of concupiscence.

Our culture, having lost the capacity to talk about temptation, sin and mercy, still has to deal with the reality of these things. Typically what we do is make excuses for sin until we strain reason past the breaking point, then we select certain sins that are "unforgiveable" (to show we are deeply moral people) and visit merciless judgment on those who are so much as tempted by them. (A website I saw discussing the DSM had lots of combox comments calling for the castration and murder of anybody so much as tempted by pedophilia.) The selected forms of unforgivable concupiscence and sin can vary from one subculture to the next, but the point is that they are "unforgivable".

Meanwhile, the Catholic tradition presents us, right from that start, with a Savior for whom there is literally no sin in the world that cannot be forgiven–except of course the sins of those who wilfully and finally refuse the gift of forgiveness (which is what "blaspheming the Holy Spirit" really means). He very deliberately associates himself with just about everybody that first century Jewish culture greeted with, "Ewwwww!" whether they were ritually defiled (lepers) or morally defiled (tax collectors and prostitutes). His point (good news for us) is that there is nobody beyond the reach of God's grace. His point (bad news for our dreams of comfiness) is that people with the most disgusting sins and temptations can never be written off as "unforgivable".

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Most Child Sex Abusers Are Not Pedophiles, Expert Says

An increasing number of experts believe that pedophiles might not have a choice in the matter. We spoke with an expert to understand child sexual abuse, and whether or not pedophilia is really a sexual orientation.

By Diana Tourjée

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Diversity in sexual orientation has been embraced by liberals and levied in political movements for social justice, but it's not something we tend to associate with pathology so much anymore. However, an increasing number of experts have come to believe that pedophiles—those with a primary attraction to prepubescent children—might not have a choice in the matter. According to one criminal psychologist who recently spoke publicly about this issue via Reddit, "an individual with pedophilia has the same ingrained attraction that a heterosexual female may feel towards a male, or a homosexual [person] feels towards their same gender."

David Finkelhor is not the previously mentioned redditor, but he is a professor of sociology and the director of the Crimes Against Children Research Center at the University of New Hampshire. According to him, the concept of pedophilia as a sexual orientation is "widely held" among mental health professionals and is "implicit in the definition of pedophilia in the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual* of the American Psychiatric Association." But among the general public, this idea is hard to stomach; sexual orientation is, more generally, thought of in brighter terms these days and often regarded as fixed or intrinsic to identity. "People are uncomfortable talking about [pedophilia] that way since there seems to be, currently, an idea that sexual orientation is something that we should kind of respect and honor and not treat as a pathology," Finkelhor says, adding that some people extrapolate that this conceptualization of pedophilia could move us toward the decriminalization of child sexual abuse.

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So what are the implications here when it comes to sexual abuse and child molestation? "It is very important for the public to understand that most child molesters are not pedophiles," Finkelhor told me over the phone. "[Many people] have the impression, when you talk about someone being a pedophile, that they have a permanent and unalterable sexual interest in children and, therefore, they are going to be dangerous under any circumstances and under any form of management—and that's not true," he says, adding that pedophiles constitute a minority of those who sexually abuse children, or who are child molesters.

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While pedophiles are, specifically, primarily attracted to prepubescent children, the majority of child molesters need not be. But why, then, would they abuse kids? The reasons are myriad, according to Finkelhor. "Because they don't have other access to sources of sexual gratification is the main reason—or that child may be very readily accessible, so someone who is a member of their family, for example," he says, adding that it has a frequent occurrence amongst those who might be primarily attracted to mature individuals as well. According to Finkelhor, it's also important to consider the

> age of the abuser; the population of juveniles who commit sexual abuse on other juveniles includes almost no pedophiles, per se, but constitiutes either one third or half of child sexual abuse cases.
> Finkelhor also says that pedophiles who *do* abuse tend to have higher numbers of victims than other kinds of (non-pedophilic) abusers. Of course, not all pedophiles act on their impulses. Finkelhor says that it is important for us to know that there are people with pedophilic sexual orientations who "do not act on [them], are appalled by [them], and understand that it would be harmful to act on [them]." But, he added, there's little data to rely on.
> When asked about methods to help pedophiles cope with their desires, Finkelhor said that the subject of treatment is hindered by the "tremendous stigma" against the sexual attraction to children. "A lot of people who have those kinds of impulses don't refer themselves for treatment, but some do," he says. Finkelhor adds that stigma isn't the only factor that can discourage treatment, saying that "[the US has] very strong reporting laws [that] require that any clinician who knows of someone who's committed an offense is required to report that."
> Regarding pedophilia as a sexual orientation, Finkelhor says that "it might be premature," to speak definitively on this subject, because we do not yet satisfactorily understand the origins of sexual orientation, specifically in pedophilic terms. "There's a suggestion that childhood trauma may play some role in it," he said, "but it's probably not a necessary or sufficient condition." According to Finkelhor, one may be a pedophile with the absence of trauma; likewise, many of the people who do have such trauma don't end up there, so "there has to be something else besides that."
> "I do think that there is a need for more understanding," Finkelhor said. If, for instance, the group of pedophiles who do not act on their desire is large, then it may be a promising impication for the treatment of pedophilia. "But, as you might imagine," Finkelhor said, "it's relatively hard to get people to admit to that kind of interest."
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> Classing pedophilia as a sexual orientation will normalize something that is morally and legally reprehensible.

In jurisdictions where sexual orientation is a
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protected characteristic, classing pedophilia as such will entitle pedophiles to protections extended to vulnerable communities.

The law informs society that child sexual abuse is a serious criminal offense. Therefore, preventing the normalization of pedophilia through moral policing is unnecessary, or worse,

counterproductive.

"Sexual orientation" is a term that has typically been associated with the LGBTQ+ community.
Associating this term with something commonly perceived as morally reprehensible could significantly derail the gay rights movement.

Morality and criminality apply only to voluntary actions, not involuntary reactions. Because pedophilia describes solely a reaction over which one has no control, it does not have moral or legal implications.

The Future: Where Sexual Orientations Get Kind of Confusing

Sex, a biological function of reproduction, should be simple. We need to perpetuate the species, we have sex, babies are born, we raise them , they have sex, repeat. Simple, however, is one thing sex most certainly is not. And it's only getting more complex by the day. For those who are fans of human exceptionalism, it might be worth considering that the trait which differentiates us from all other animals is that we over-complicate everything. Sex, and its various accoutrements of sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, libido, and even how many partners one may have, contains a multitude. Recently some psychologists have said that pedophilia is a sexual orientation, the erotic predilection that drives people like former Penn State football coach Jerry Sandusky to do what he allegedly did. This idea came to twitter and **incited** a minor firestorm over whether "sexual orientation" should really be applied to pedophilia. *Nature* editor Noah Gray used the term in a neutral sense, as in, "an attraction to a specific category of individuals"; io9's Charlie Jane Anders and Boing Boing blogger Xeni Jardin pointed out the queer community's long campaign to define sexual orientation only as an ethically acceptable preference for any category of consenting adults. Given that willful troglodytes like Rick Santorum regularly conflate homosexuality with pedophilia and zoophilia, you can see where the frustration around loose use of the term might arise. Santorum aside, how should we classify pedophilia if not a "sexual orientation?" Why should that term include should one unchosen, inborn form of sexual attraction, but exclude another unchosen, inborn form of sexual attraction? While we may have ready answers for these questions now, technological and social changes on the horizon will once again challenge our definitions and beliefs about sex. We can imagine a time when we have artificial intelligence (to at least some degree), or super-intelligent animals, or maybe we'll even become a spacefaring species and encounter other alien intelligences. Without a doubt, people will start discovering that they are primarily attracted to something that isn't the good ol' *Homo sapiens*. Sex and sexuality will increase in complexity by powers of ten. If some person is attracted to a sexy cyborg, or a genetically enhanced dolphin, how will we know if it is ethical to act upon *those* desires? The key question here is: why is pedophilia or

zoophilia not ethically equatable with homosexuality? The straightforward answer is that neither a minor nor an animal can *consent*. It isn't that a child can't produce the word, "yes," or an animal can't, um, enjoy the act of sex, but that those facts don't make the encounter ethical. An inability to consent is not about being able to verbalize the word yes or no, but to *understand* and *rationally decide* whether or not to allow sex to happen. Neither an animal nor a minor can do that, whereas an adult person can. In short, pedophilia and zoophilia *are* sexual orientations, but they can never be acted upon without harming someone. Therefore, we should re-categorize these sexual orientations that should never be acted upon as "sexual orientation disorders," and they should be treated as such. If pedophiliac or zoophiliac urges are indeed as biological and unchosen as hetero- or homosexuality, then we need to **rethink our understanding of adults attracted to children as evil people**

Do not mistake me, any person who acts on a sexual orientation disorder has, by definition, harmed someone and justice is necessary. But we need to understand that *not* finding a way to deal with---or, best of all, to cure---sexual orientation disorders condemns people to a lifetime of suffering. This bright-line distinction between actionable and non-actionable sexual orientations will also help as we move forward into the brave new world of xenosexuality, or sexuality beyond our species. It's not unbelievable to imagine responses to someone being sexually attracted to robots. And some cranky person with a large talk-radio audience will talk about how unnatural and bizarre and destructive that sexual orientation is. Instead of having the same fight for rights and acceptance over and over, it would be better to use the idea of informed consent to make a consistent definition to distinguish ethically permissible sexual orientations from harmful sexual orientation disorders. Heterosexuality doesn't quite seem to capture the sexual orientation of a human who is attracted to an artificial intelligence construct. But to say, "I'm a heterosexual xenosexual" tells you that I like non-humans of the opposite gender of me (if the A.I.'s in fact come with genders). Let's say a genetically enhanced dolphin with a cybernetic voice box is capable of communicating "yes" or "no," understands what an adult human is and what sex means (both definition and culturally), and groks the relationship implications of its decision (you live in the sea, I live on land, etc.). That super-intelligent cyborg-dolphin would meet the standards of personhood *and* the criteria of being able to meaningfully consent and reciprocate an adult human's attraction. That means any consensual sexual relations would be ethical. Therefore, being attracted to uplifted cyborg-dolphins is *indeed* a sexual orientation. I encourage you to use consent as a litmus-test against the permissibility of sexual orientations with which you are uncomfortable. How does it apply to polyamorous individuals? What about fetishes? How about **incest**? Unlike gut reactions or religious dogma, ethics demands we explain why something is wrong. Our future relationships depend on our ability to reason our way to what is right. *Follow Kyle on his personal **blog**, Pop Bioethics, and on **facebook** and **twitter**.*

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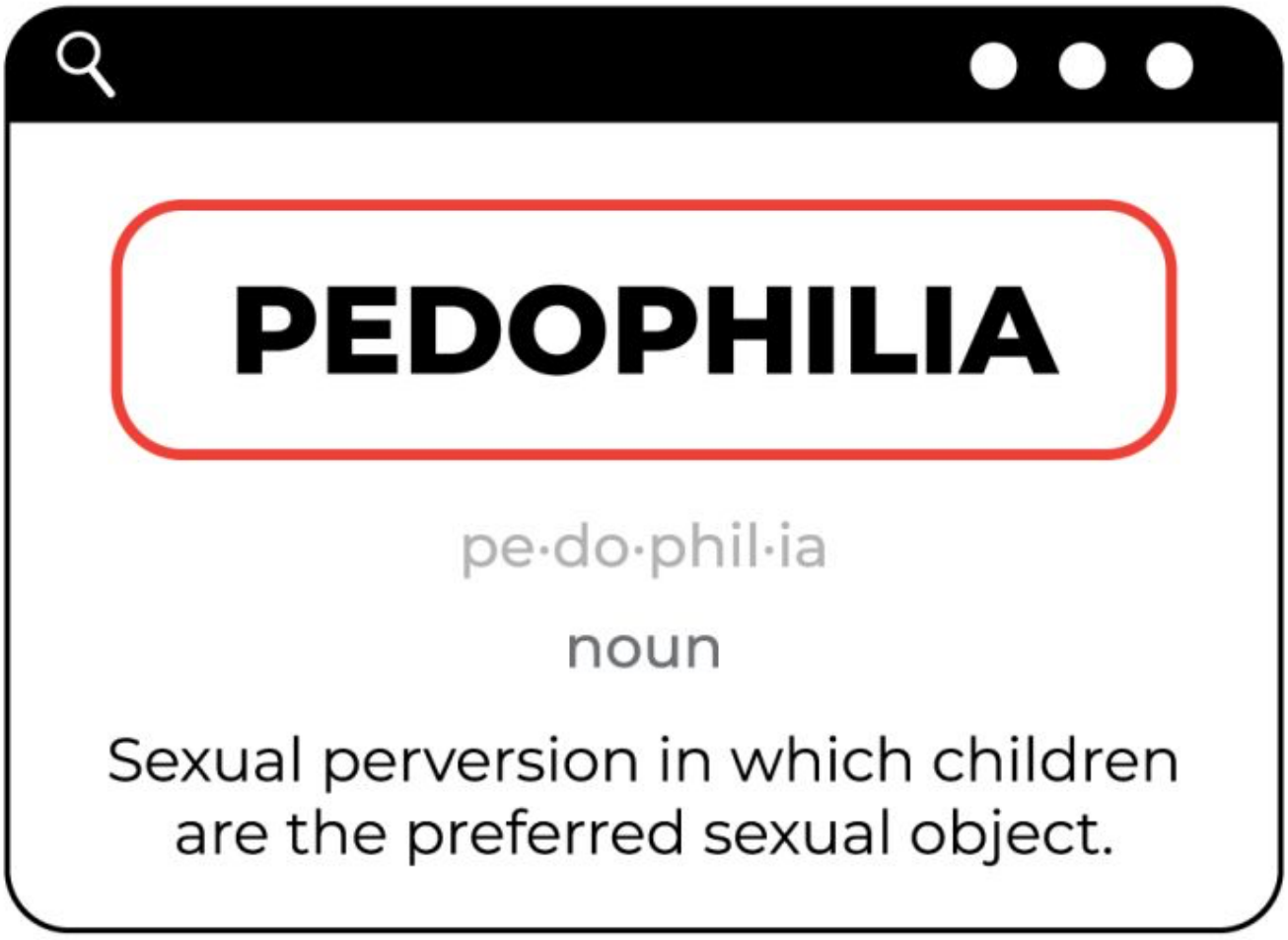

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Federal judge rules in favor of Southlake Carroll ISD, blocks expanded Title IX protections

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A federal judge issued a temporary ruling Thursday in favor of the Carroll school district's lawsuit, blocking expanded Title IX protections for LGBTQ students from taking effect in August.

In his ruling, Judge Reed O'Connor of the Northern District of Texas said the injunction covers the Carroll district for now, but requested briefings by July 18 on possibly broadening the ruling to include other school districts.

O'Connor said that implementing the Biden Administration's changes — which include training staff and issuing new protection guidelines — would cause irreparable harm to Carroll schools and force the district to spend millions to implement the changes.

O'Connor wrote that the Department of Education "admitted" that Carroll would have expenses to comply with the final Title IX regulations, including training staff and implementing policies.

The Carroll school district estimated that it would have to spend $98 million in the first year to comply with the new regulations, O'Connor's ruling stated.

O'Connor also wrote that a failure to stay "unlawful agency action" would constrain school districts operations and prevent them from educating students, upgrading facilities and constructing new ones.

The ruling also stated that the government would not suffer harm as a result of maintaining the status quo.

"Title IX has prohibited sex discrimination without reference to gender identity for over 50 years. And it will continue to do so."

O'Connor, a known conservative, said privileging gender identity over biological sex is in no way

authorized by the statutory text.

And the "consequences based on this statutory distortion appear limitless. For these reasons, and those stated by other federal courts, Carroll ISD is likely to succeed on the merits of their challenge to the Final Rule," O'connor wrote.

Attorneys from the Alliance Defending Freedom, the law firm representing the school district pro bono, said the district was correct to pursue legal action against the Biden Administration to protect the safety and security of girls and all students under its supervision.

"The Biden administration's radical redefinition of 'sex' in Title IX upends our education system and ignores biological reality, science, and common sense," Mathew Hoffmann, legal counsel for the ADF said in a news release. "This dangerous and unnecessary rule change will have devastating consequences for students, teachers, administrators, and families."

The Carroll school district's lawsuit is the fifth legal action the ADF has taken to stop the Biden Administration's efforts to redefine sex under Title IX, according to the news release.

But Ricardo Martinez, CEO of Equality Texas, said in an emailed statement that it is important for the LGBTQ+ students to have the expanded protections.

"The updated Title IX regulations are designed to protect LGBTQIA+ young people, something most Texans support. We know that young people succeed when they feel safe and supported at school, yet many Texas kids report being bullied or feeling alienated at school. Whatever we can do to make our kids feel safe at school, we should do," the statement said.

Earlier this year, the Carroll school board voted to adopt a resolution denouncing the Biden Administration's Title IX expanded protections, calling them harmful to girls and women.

The school district then sued the Biden Administration in the Northern District of Texas in Fort Worth.

Chicago Tribune

NAPERVILLE SUN, NAPERVILLE SUN (NAPERVILLE, ILL.)
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The following Naperville residents have completed college/university degrees or have been named to their school's dean's list, honor roll or similar academic achievement list.

Names, degrees and honors appear below as provided by the respective schools.

GRADUATES

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater: Matt McCormack, bachelor's degree, Public Policy and Administration; William Morgan, bachelor's degree, Biology; Clare O'Donnell, bachelor's degree, Environmental Science; and Keith Yahr, bachelor's degree, Finance.

University of Northern Colorado in Greeley: Kelly Pearn, master's degree, Education Leadership Special Education Administration.

Missouri State University in Springfield: Grace Aumiller, bachelor's degree, Theatre and Dance, and Ella Carreras, bachelor's degree, Psychology.

South Dakota State University in Brookings: Mark Raymond Gronowski, bachelor's degree, Engineering, and Patrick Kenneth Hoffmann, bachelor's degree, Education and Human Sciences.

Miami University in Oxford, Ohio: Austin Bartley, Audrey Cahill, Lake Ernst, Avery Holmes, Abi Meikle, Julia Rushing, Madeline Schlecht, Claire Schuler, Jacob Snell, Noah Snyder, Lauren Somers, Delia Stone, Re Viswanathan and Hannah Vorderer.

University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh: Jared Saad, bachelor's degrees in Marketing and Supply Chain Management.

Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin: Althea Foster and Kaitlyn Khazen.

Wichita State University in Wichita, Kansas: Fnu P. Ayesha, master's degree, Computer Science.

DEAN'S LISTS/PRESIDENT'S LISTS/HONOR ROLLS

University of New England in Biddeford and Portland, Maine: Caitlin Avelis.

University of Hartford in West Hartford, Connecticut: Lauren Bries.

University of Illinois-Springfield: Javonne Dukes.

Aurora University: Imaan Ahmed, Sophie Bordelais, Nozima Burkhanova, Madelyn Chambers, Taylor Estabrook, Nadia Farrar, Olivia Fattes, Syria Harper, Megan Kairies, Kotryna Kessler, Cassandra Knowles, Philip Kosovrasti, Elisa Kuruvilla, Alisha Miller, Lizbeth Olivares, Nicholas Orenczak, Gwendolen Schretter, Kevin Szafraniec, Amber Tinney, Madeline Van Cleave, Bethany Wilkins, Jessica Williams, Zoe Winter, Gabriel Wright and Grace Zimmerman.
St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota: Skylar Fildew.
Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island: Matthew Doolittle.
University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh: Jenna Michels, Trevor Morris, Jared Saad and Cadence Showalter.
University of Wisconsin-Platteville: Nathan Jacobs and Brandt Stare.
College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts: Jannette Kazlauskas.
Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin: Althea Foster and Kaitlyn Khaze.
Purchase College in Purchase, New York: Sara Richter.
Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey: Aidan Lippencott.
University of Tampa in Tampa, Florida: Michelle Oblazny, Paola Munoz Gallardo, Avery Feudo, Emma Kilner and Emerson Jarrell.

These are the candidates running for Memphis-Shelby County Schools Board District 7

Your guide to the 2024 elections

The incumbent candidate in the Memphis-Shelby County Schools Board District 7 race, Frank Johnson, faces four challengers in the Aug. 1 election.

Memphis-Shelby County Schools Board District 7

Chavez G. Donelson

Donelson, a barber by trade, said he believed the school district needed to focus curricula on STEM subjects — science, technology, math and engineering — to prepare students for the tech jobs of the future in the area. He also placed an emphasis on providing college preparatory training and vocational education training to MSCS students.

Danielle Huggins

Huggins currently works as a fourth-grade English Language Arts teacher in Memphis and advocated for more resources for literacy education not only in the classroom but out in the community to ensure students have support at home to continue learning. If elected she said she plans to "hold schools accountable, and improve early childhood education."

Frank William Johnson (incumbent)

Johnson's background includes in-classroom education experience, higher education experience and leadership in his community association. He said he would hope to see needed upgrades to many MSCS schools include dedicated spaces for college, career and technical education training programs and programming on creating podcasts.

Towanna C. Murphy

Murphy has a background in business and radio and has experience working with groups to administer Head Start funding and advocate for special education students. To improve literacy scores, she said she would focus on adding after-school tutoring but also on education retention programs to ensure children don't lose educational gains during breaks.

Jason Sharif

Sharif previously worked with the Tennessee Department of Children's Services and as a sixth-grade social studies teacher at Craigmont Middle School and is the founder and executive director of RESPECT The Haven Community Development Corporation. He said as a school board member, he would look to strengthen partnerships with community groups to help address the out-of-classroom issues that block in-classroom learning.

This article originally appeared on Memphis Commercial Appeal: Here are the Memphis-Shelby County Schools Board District 7 candidates

NG Lt. Governor Accused of 'Open Discrimination After Calling LGBTQ People 'Filth" and Demanding Christians Take Control

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By David Badash

Calls are growing for North Carolina Republican Lt. Governor Mark Robinson to resign after video of remarks he made in June, calling LGBTQ people "filth," went viral this week, as NBC News and others are reporting.

Robinson, who is also a conspiracy theorist, climate change denialist, anti-abortion activist, and NRA board member, is not only refusing to resign, he's now claiming he is the one being attacked because of his political beliefs.

"We will not be intimidated. We will not back down. We will not change our language," Robinson, for reasons unknown calling himself

"we," said. "The language I used, I am not ashamed of it. I will use it in the future because, again, it is time for parents in this state to take a strong stand for their children."

In his June speech, delivered at a church, Robinson declared, "I'm saying this now, and I've been saying it, and I don't care who likes it."

"There's no reason anybody anywhere in America should be telling any child about transgenderism or homosexuality," Robinson declared. "Any of that filth!"

"And yes, I called it 'filth,' he continued in that speech. "And if you don't like it that I called it 'filth,' come see me and I'll explain it to you. It's time for us to stop letting these children be abused in schools, and it's not going to happen til the people of God stand up and demand different, same ones that established those schools to begin with."

Robinson's choice of word appears very deliberate: for decades the religious right has promulgated the lie that LGBTQ people are child abusers.

"It is flat-out child abuse," Robinson said.

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Can Paedophilia Be Described As A Sexual Orientation? by **OLAADEGBU**(m): **11:45pm** On **Nov 16, 2014**

www.livingwaters.com

Objection:

"You've exposed how flawed your logical processes are by suggesting that pedophilia might become social acceptable. Homosexual relationships are between two consenting adults. Children aren't developed enough to consent, so pedophilia is essentially rape. It also can (and very often does) scar the child for life. If you really think homosexuality is comparable to pedophilia, then you're a beast without morals..." Reece Akinrinmade

Response:

The LA Times likens paedophilia to homosexuality:

"Like many forms of sexual deviance, pedophilia once was thought to stem from psychological influences early in life. Now, many experts view it as a sexual orientation as immutable as heterosexuality or homosexuality. It is a deep-rooted predisposition — limited almost entirely to men — that becomes clear during puberty and does not change...."

The Times then quoted Dr. Fred Berlin, head of Johns Hopkins Sexual Behaviours Consultation Unit:

"Other pedophiles are 'good people who are struggling. They're tortured souls fighting like heck not to do this. We do virtually nothing in terms of reaching out to these folks. We drive it underground.'" [1].

Studies Show Paedophiles are "born that way"

"In studies, paedophiles show signs that their sexual interests are related to brain structure and that at least some differences existed in their brains before birth. For example, paedophiles show greatly elevated rates of non-right-handedness and minor physical anomalies. Thus, although paedophilia should never be confused with homosexuality, paedophilia can be meaningfully described as a sexual orientation." [2].

"A group of psychiatrists and other mental health professionals say it's time to change the way society views individuals who have physical attractions to children." [3].

It's just a matter of time until those who accuse paedophiles of rape will be considered narrow-minded intolerant beasts who are filled with hate-

speech. Moral relativism is a predictable slippery downward path.

History is our teacher, if we will listen.

Source:
1. http://articles.latimes.com/.../loc.../la-me-pedophiles-20130115
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TEDx was forced to remove the video after a medical student said accepting pedophiles will help decrease their "suffering"

By Bailey Vogt on July 26, 2018

Mirjam Heine – Photo: Chip Kipperly / YouTube

A TEDx speaker has argued that pedophilia should be accepted as “an unchangeable sexual orientation.”

Mirjam Heine presented her talk “Pedophilia is a natural sexual orientation” at the University of Würtzberg in Germany, and said that pedophilia is like any other sexual orientation.

[infolink1]

“According to current research pedophilia is an unchangeable sexual orientation just like, for

example, heterosexuality. No one chooses to be a pedophile, no one can cease being one," Heine argued. "The difference between pedophilia and other sexual orientations is that living out this sexual orientation will end in a disaster."

While Heine clarified her comments by noting that "abusing children is wrong without any doubt," she said that a "pedophile who doesn't abuse children has done nothing wrong."

She also said that accepting pedophiles and encouraging them to not pursue their desires will help end their "suffering."

"We shouldn't increase the sufferings of pedophiles by excluding them, by blaming and mocking them," she said. "By doing that, we increase their isolation and we increase the chance of child sexual abuse."

She added: "We should accept that pedophiles are people who have not chosen their sexuality and who, unlike most of us, will never be able to live it out freely.... Most of us feel discomfort when we think about pedophiles. But just like pedophiles, we are not responsible for our feelings. We do not choose them but we are responsible for our actions."

Heine's talk, especially the notion that pedophilia is a sexual orientation like others, led to a swift backlash from the internet community.

In addition, it threatened to dredge up a frequent right-wing argument that advancing LGBTQ rights would eventually lead to the normalization of pedophilia — for instance, ChurchMilitant.com's headline shouted "Next Up For Normalization: Pedophilia."

According to *Inquisitr*, Heine's talk was also heavily criticized by her academic peers, who argued that she failed to understand the research she cited to justify her argument and that her argument frequently changed over the course of the talk.

Behavioral psychologist and therapist Dr. Linda Mintle told CBN News that she disagreed with Heine's presentation, saying: "Pedophilic disorder is a mental disorder. It is one type of mental disorder in the category of paraphilias."

The American Psychiatric Association currently classifies pedophilia as a disorder in the "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders."

Due to the backlash it received, TEDx eventually removed the video, though it has been widely copied and reposted on YouTube.

Watch Heine's full talk below:

Development. Pedophilia emerges before or during puberty, and is stable over time. It is self-discovered, not chosen. For these reasons, pedophilia has been described as a disorder of sexual preference, phenomenologically similar to a heterosexual or homosexual orientation.

Scholar Calls Pedophilia 'An Unchangeable Sexual Orientation' that Should Be Accepted by Society

The online community erupted in outrage after a German medical student gave a TEDxTalk arguing that pedophilia is an "unchangeable sexual orientation" just like heterosexuality and that society should become more accepting of pedophiles.

Mirjam Heine defended her claims before an audience at the University of Würtzbergin Germany during a presentation called, "Why our perception of pedophilia has to change." She makes the extremely controversial claim that pedophilia is simply another sexual orientation.

"According to current research pedophilia is an unchangeable sexual orientation just like, for example, heterosexuality. No one chooses to be a pedophile, no one can cease being one," Heine argued. "The difference between pedophilia and other sexual orientations is that living out this sexual orientation will end in a disaster."
However, experts say Heine is wrong on several levels. More about that in a minute.
READ: 'I Was Living a Lie Until Jesus Delivered Me': Ex-Gays Reflect on Historic Gay Marriage Ruling

But first, the disaster Heine refers to is the sexual abuse of minors – which she strongly condemned. "Let me be very clear here. Abusing children is wrong without any doubt, but a pedophile who doesn't abuse children has done nothing wrong," Heine said, adding that pedophilia is just a preference to have sex with children.

Heine said society should help decrease the "suffering" of pedophiles by accepting them, encouraging them not to abuse children, and by not isolating them.

"We shouldn't increase the sufferings of pedophiles by excluding them, by blaming and mocking them. By doing that, WE increase their isolation and WE increase the chance of child sexual abuse," she said.

"We should accept that pedophiles are people who have not chosen their sexuality and who, unlike most of us, will never be able to live it out freely...Most of us feel discomfort when we think about pedophiles.

But just like pedophiles, we are not responsible for our feelings. We do not choose them but we are responsible for our actions," Heine urged.

TEDx removed the video from YouTube after facing relentless backlash over the presentation, especially over the idea that pedophilia is just another sexual orientation.

One of those who took issue with that claim is therapist and behavioral psychology expert Dr. Linda Mintle.

"Pedophilic disorder is a mental disorder. It is one type of mental disorder in the category of paraphilias," she told *CBN News*.

The *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth edition* refers to pedophilia as a sexual orientation, but was later corrected by the American Psychiatric Association – a move Mintle applauds.

Psychiatrist and brain disorder specialist Dr. Daniel Amen told *CBN News* **that pedophiles have different brains than the rest of the population – and their brain scans indicate mental illness.**

"If we scan their brains they look more like people who have OCD and low frontal cortex," he said. This means that pedophiles tend to have less empathy.

Dr. Mintle believes the church can help pedophiles learn to empathize and change their behavior.

"They need treatment – understand, empathize, restrict, and intervene. The church could work on empathy training. It involves helping the offender take on the perspective of the victim and in identification with the victim, understand the harm that has been

done," she said.

While both experts say pedophilia is very hard to treat, it is possible for a pedophile to change if they believe their behavior is wrong and truly desire transformation.

New Push for Pedophilia: Just Another Sexual Orientation

Mirjam Heine, a German medical student at the University of Würzburg in Germany, made some deeply disturbing assertions last week in her TEDxTalk, "Why perception of pedophilia has to change."

She claimed that, according to current research, "pedophilia is an unchangeable sexual orientation just like, for example, heterosexuality. No one chooses to be a pedophile, no one can cease being one."

In an effort to discover the "research" she was referring to, I located an article about a clinical psychologist who insists a decade of research has led him to conclude pedophilia is a deep-rooted, unchangeable predisposition from birth.

Dr. James Cantor's determination is based on specific consistencies in physical characteristics among pedophiles, including shorter stature, lower IQ, left-handedness or ambidextrousness. He also has attributed attraction to prepubescent boys or girls to differences in the make-up of the brain.

Cantor says the "cross-wiring" in the brain causes one to replace nurturing and protective reactions with sexual desires. Though he has influenced some researchers, others disagree on whether the brain differences in pedophiles occurred before birth or in early development. We already know that pornography and drug addictions actually cause changes in the brain.

The article states that the recidivism rate of child sexual abusers is extremely low, yet pedophiles cannot be "cured." According to Cantor, and the young female student in the TEDx video, acceptance of pedophiles' "orientation" by society will free them to understand they are forever bound by an attraction they will never be able to act out. Is your head spinning?

Since when has "acceptance" of any sin led a society to refrain from committing that sin?

We knew this day was coming. Didn't we?

It started with homosexual attraction. We were told that the attraction is involuntary, irrepressible, and innate. Now, look at us. Look how far we've come in just a decade or two. Many said that if homosexual marriage was secured, that would be the end of the fight. That would do the trick – the activism would come to a stop.

But we knew better. Didn't we?

It wasn't enough. We must condone homosexuality. We must celebrate it! Not just the so-called

orientation, but we must celebrate the acting out of the attraction to the degree that we redefine marriage.

We must view it as normal and healthy. As a matter of fact, anyone who struggles with unwanted same-sex attraction must be shut down. Anyone who actually does "change" and begins to enjoy a heterosexual lifestyle must be shut up.

Already, fourteen states have banned any type of counseling to help minors with unwanted same sex attraction. And California, the state that often draws a picture of what we'll see in other states, threatens to take it a step further with AB2943 that will ban the sale of materials or counseling of anyone at any age who wishes to be free from gender confusion or misplaced attraction. Based on the language of the legislation, many believe the sale of the Holy Bible would be forbidden.

While homosexual activists claim that homosexual desires are part of a person's DNA, an unchangeable life sentence, we are now expected to accept gender fluidity and pansexuality (no limit to sexual choice with regard to biological sex, gender, or gender identity). A person is whoever, whatever he or she wants to be. The lack of congruency is baffling.

We were well on our way when we began to accept the premise that a person with homosexual desires is born that way and will always be just that – gay. "It's natural," they said. And now they are saying the same thing about pedophilia.

A Pew Research Center poll showed that Americans opposed same-sex marriage by a margin of 57% to 35% in 2001. But in the years that followed, especially during the Obama administration, the U.S. experienced an unrelenting push for acceptance of homosexuality. And support for homosexuality and same-sex marriage has steadily grown as a result. As of June 2017, a majority of Americans (62%) support same-sex marriage, while only 32% oppose it.

When a society has come to believe that misplaced desires are engrained into the human psyche – soul, mind, and spirit – as immutable attributes of our existence, we've invited human depravity with open arms. And here it is, a society that not only tolerates sin but embraces an all-inclusive, anything-goes way of life.

The battle is intensifying and persecution is becoming more foreseeable as firm-footed warriors of the faith push back against homosexuality and other forms of sexual immorality, now accepted and promoted among leaders within some evangelical circles. Instead of the church affecting the world, the depraved culture has infected the church, evidenced by the movement among some church leaders to embrace the "gay Christian" label. One disconcerting example is the Revoice conference taking place this week in St. Louis, Missouri.

The stated objective of the conference is to "support, encourage, and empower gay, lesbian, same-sex-attracted, and other LGBT Christians so they can flourish while observing the historic, Christian doctrine of marriage and sexuality." Highlighted workshops include "Redeeming Queer Culture," and "Empowering the Church to Embrace the LGBT + Community in Fresh Ways."

Revoice host pastor Greg Johnson said he would consider hosting a similar conference for pedophiles during an interview with Crosspolitic. Acceptance of sin leads to acceptance of yet more

sin.
The Holy Spirit doesn't just change our actions, He changes our thought life. Granted, it doesn't usually happen overnight. But the idea of identifying ourselves with sinful thoughts and desires should be foreign and repugnant for a blood-bought believer.
Let's face it, the Bible is true: "[E]ach person is tempted when they are dragged away *by their own evil desire* (emphasis added) and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death" (James 1:14-15).

Pedophilia

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This article is about sexual attraction towards prepubescent children. For sexual attraction towards young adolescents, see hebephilia. For sexual attraction towards older adolescents and young adults, see ephebophilia.
Pedophilia (alternatively spelled **paedophilia**) is a psychiatric disorder in which an adult or older adolescent experiences a primary or exclusive sexual attraction to prepubescent children.[1][2]:vii Although girls typically begin the process of puberty at age 10 or 11, and boys at age 11 or 12,[3] psychiatric diagnostic criteria for pedophilia extend the cut-off point for prepubescence to age 13.[4] People with the disorder are often referred to as **pedophiles** (or **paedophiles**).

Pedophilia / Paedophilia
Pronunciation
- /ˌpɛ.dəˈfi.li.ə/

Specialty
Psychiatry, clinical psychology, forensic psychology
Symptoms
Primary or exclusive sexual attraction to prepubescent children
Risk factors
Childhood abuse by adults, substance abuse, personality disorders
Treatment
Cognitive behavioral therapy, chemical castration
Pedophilia is a paraphilia. In recent versions of formal diagnostic coding systems such as the

DSM-5 and ICD-11, "pedophilia" is distinguished from "pedophilic disorder." **Pedophilic disorder** is defined as a pattern of pedophilic arousal accompanied by either subjective distress or interpersonal difficulty, or having acted on that arousal. The DSM-5 requires that a person must be at least 16 years old, and at least five years older than the prepubescent child or children they are aroused by, for the attraction to be diagnosed as pedophilic disorder. Similarly, the ICD-11 excludes sexual behavior among post-pubertal children who are close in age. The DSM requires the arousal pattern must be present for 6 months or longer, while the ICD lacks this requirement. The ICD criteria also refrain from specifying chronological ages.[5]
In popular usage, the word *pedophilia* is often applied to any sexual interest in children or the act of child sexual abuse, including any sexual interest in minors below the local age of consentor age of adulthood, regardless of their level of physical or mental development.[1][2]:vii[6] This use conflates the sexual attraction to prepubescent children with the act of child sexual abuse and fails to distinguish between attraction to prepubescent and pubescent or post-pubescent minors.[7][8] Such use should be avoided, because although some people who commit child sexual abuse are pedophiles,[6][9]child sexual abuse offenders are not pedophiles unless they have a primary or exclusive sexual interest in prepubescent children,[7][10][11] and many pedophiles do not molest children.[12]
Pedophilia was first formally recognized and named in the late 19th century. A significant amount of research in the area has taken place since the 1980s. Although mostly documented in men, there are also women who exhibit the disorder,[2]:72–74[13] and researchers assume available estimates underrepresent the true number of female pedophiles.[14] No cure for pedophilia has been developed, but there are therapies that can reduce the incidence of a person committing child sexual abuse.[6] The exact causes of pedophilia have not been conclusively established.[2]:101 Some studies of pedophilia in child sex offenders have correlated it with various neurological abnormalities and psychological pathologies.[15]

The Pedophilia and Orientation Debate and Its Implications for Forensic Psychiatry
By its nature, the field of forensic psychiatry demands attention to and integration of both mental health and legal perspectives. Sometimes, important distinctions come down to the perspective adopted,**1** the method employed,**2** or even single words.**3** This editorial reviews a controversial subject in forensic sexology to illustrate general concerns of potential interest to all forensic psychiatrists. While the specific topic may not be at the top of every forensic psychiatrist's list of causes for concern, the principles arising may be surprisingly generalizable.
The main question to be addressed here is whether or not pedophilia is an orientation. In 2013, the American Psychiatric Association issued a statement that the DSM-5 text that refers to pedophilia as an “orientation”(Ref. **4**, p 698) was a text-based error.**5** Nevertheless, some sexologists have continued to argue that pedophilia is in fact a sexual orientation.**6**,**–**,**8**
Definitions for Orientation

Perhaps the most comprehensive review of the evidence potentially in favor of the idea that pedophilia is an orientation is embedded in a fifty-page treatise on the subject of "sexual orientation."**8** These authors define sexual orientation as "attraction to members of the same sex, both sexes, or the other sex" (Ref. **8**, p 48). They acknowledge multiple hypotheses for the determinants of orientation including "... hormonal, genetic, social environmental, and nonsocial environmental influences" (Ref. **8**, p 45). In addition, they report that "behavior, attraction, identity and arousal ...tend to go together," but "not always" (Ref. **8**, p 48). Further, they claim "...there is no evidence to suggest that individuals can consciously alter their genital arousal to fit a certain identity label" (Ref. **8**, p 54). This idea is surprising based on examples such as sex workers, or gay men who engage in sexual relations with women, or lesbians who engage in sexual intercourse with men. In fact, one of the explanations for the dearth of research involving lesbian women is that it is so difficult to find women who identify as lesbian and who never have had at least one sexual encounter with a man. The field of sexology now accepts the concept of "sexual fluidity" in women to the extent of hypothesizing that "romantic love and sexual desire rely on different motivational systems" (Ref. **8**, p 56, citing Diamond**9**). Nevertheless, the broad definition of orientation proposed in this article has the potential to support a paradigm that conceptualizes pedophilia as an orientation which is as undeserving of treatment as homosexuality.

Homosexuality and Paraphilias

Pedophilia (persistent sexual interest in children) is a paraphilia. Cantor argues it is reasonable to deem homosexuality a paraphilia if there are enough "...correlates and associated features of homosexuality with those of the acknowledged paraphilias" (Ref. **10**, p. 238). In contrast to Bailey and colleagues,**8** Cantor chose to define "homosexuality" as "predominant sexual interest in persons of the same sex [including] interest in adults and children of the same sex" (Ref. **10**, p 238). Cantor reviews similarities between people who identify as homosexual and people with paraphilic interests. He compares the two groups on several factors: onset and course (he claims these factors are similar); fraternal birth order (gay men, on average, have more older brothers), short height (mixed results), non-right-handedness (more for gay men), decreased intelligence (more for pedohebephilic men), and what he refers to as "neuroanatomic studies" (e.g., structural MRI, demonstrating "non-overlapping sets of anatomy"). Cantor acknowledges that correlation does not prove causation but nonetheless argues that the failure to find similar correlations between homosexual orientation and paraphilic interests suggests "...the existing data seem more consistent with the conclusion that homosexuality is a characteristic distinct from the paraphilias" (Ref. **10**, p. 244).

Cantor's approach to the question is unique. He compares items correlated with paraphilias and items correlated with homosexuality and decides that because there are few if any common published correlations, they most likely are different. This is like observing that because black cats are more often associated with superstitious anxieties than white cats, they likely are different things. Or conversely, comparing a cat with a rock and deciding that because they both fall to the

ground at the same rate if dropped, they likely are the same thing. This is treacherous reasoning. It is important to remember that even if homosexuality, however it is defined, were shown to correlate with pedophilia, it would not mean one causes the other, or that they are the same. For example, height correlates with weight, but height and weight are clearly not the same thing and one does not cause the other. Ironically, the main item that Cantor claims to be similar between homosexuality and the paraphilias, namely their onset and course, is arguably not true. Most people are aware of their gender and orientation before they become aware of their sexual interests, and Cantor's claim that paraphilias are immutable has been debated elsewhere.**10**,**11**,**12**

Pedophilia and Sexual Age Orientation

Seto**13** provides a third strategy in favor of the idea that pedophilia is an orientation. He argues that in the same way that homosexuality can be defined as a sexual orientation for gender, pedophilia can be defined as a sexual orientation for age. In Seto's article, sexual orientation is defined as "a stable tendency to preferentially orient – in terms of attention, interest, attraction, and genital arousal - to particular classes of sexual stimuli" (Ref. **13**, p 3). Some ideas presented in Seto's paper have been debated**14** and clarified,**15** and Seto has acknowledged that, although longer term studies have not been done, "Gender and age orientations may operate differently from each other..." (Ref. **15**, p 2176). Arguably, the contention that the paraphilia pedophilia is like the orientation homosexuality confuses sexual interest (pedophilia) with affection (orientation). (See below.)

Another Perspective

Each of the papers briefly reviewed above provides a unique definition for orientation. Importantly, the definitions blur concepts such as attention, arousal, identity, and behavior(s) with the *sine qua non* of the paraphilias, which is unconventional sexual interest. This is analogous to a classification of pneumonias that ignores the difference between pneumonias caused by viruses and pneumonias caused by bacteria. Not only is this approach of blending conditions less accurate in terms of classification, but it also may lead to mistakes in treatment as well as false conclusions about what is treatable.

Rather than equating pedophilia with homosexuality, one proposal is to distinguish between known aspects of sexuality. I have recommended considering five distinct aspects of sexuality that have different levels of mutability.**16**

Genetics

A major determinant of sexuality is genetic make-up. People with XX chromosomes are female, and people with XY are male. While genetic variations occur and gene expression can be altered, karyotypes are immutable. Importantly, this does not mean that genetic diseases cannot be treated so that their natural course cannot be altered (e.g., diabetes can be treated with insulin and diet).

Gender

Gender identity (GI) refers to a person's sense of being male, female, or a third gender. GI is generally established by age three.**17** While the concept of a critical period for the establishment of

GI has been disputed, it is generally accepted that GI, once established, is resistant to change.[17] In contrast, gender role, which refers to how people choose to present themselves to society, is modifiable by cultural and sub-cultural expectations.

Drive

Sex drive refers to how much a person subjectively wants to engage in sexual activities. It is a factor that is highly changeable and can be influenced by a host of elements, including physiological factors (e.g., hormones); psychological factors (e.g., guilt, shame, well-being); education; situation; religious expectations; and sexual history and opportunity or lack thereof.

Orientation

This factor is defined by the gender(s) that may bring about strong feelings of affection, limerence, or love. Notably, orientation is not defined by genetics, gender, or drive. It is possible for men to have sex with men without being gay. Similarly, it is possible for gay men to continue to identify as being gay even if they do not engage in sex or have no sex drive. Importantly, although lesbian women typically seek sex with women, gay men typically seek sex with men, bisexual people typically seek sex with both men and women, and people with heterosexual orientations typically seek sex with opposite sex partners, in no case is orientation dependent on the gender of the person's sexual partner(s). Given that orientation is defined by gender of affection, there is no reason to pathologize any of many possible variations of orientation, and the APA was correct, though slow, to remove homosexuality from the DSM. Concerning mutability, there is evidence that the orientation of women is more changeable than the orientation of men.[9]

Sexual Interest

This factor refers to what a person finds sexually arousing. Again, it is important to note that sexual interest is not defined by any of the other listed factors. For example, pedophilia is defined by a sexual interest in children. A clinician who walks to the reception room to meet for the first time with a patient who has pedophilia will not know if the patient will have a genetic condition, will be male, female, or intersex, or will be a person who identifies as gay, straight or bisexual. The mutability of sexual interest has been disputed and is discussed in the next section.

Concerns Arising

There are several problems that arise from accepting the definition of pedophilia as an orientation. Referring to pedophilia (which is defined solely on the basis of sexual interest in children) as an orientation (which is defined on the basis of gender of affection) confuses what is pathologic about the condition of pedophilia. It is not that the person feels affection toward children; it is that the person is sexually aroused by children.

Correctly, modern understanding of the variations in orientation does not imply pathology. There is a growing consensus that variations in orientation should not be “treated” or modified (see, for example, negative discussions about so-called “restorative therapy”[18]). When the view that variations in orientation should not be treated is applied to pedophilia, the result is a failure to offer potentially beneficial treatment to people with pedophilia.

Given these understandings of what is considered to be a disorder, orientation, especially in men, has become identified as not only immutable, but also undeserving of treatment. Because they equate pedophilia with orientation, commentators who claim that pedophilia is an untreatable condition often resort to arguments more applicable to homosexuality. Patients often subscribe to the same confusion of concepts. It is common for a man with pedophilia who has been convicted of sex with boys to think that his treatment will involve changing his orientation. Most are relieved and surprised when they learn that treatment of pedophilia involves changing their sexual interest from children to adults (male or female) with no expectation of changing their orientation. When they hear this, some cry.

Words Do Make a Difference

The researchers who claim that pedophilia is untreatable all cling to the "lovemaps" paradigm originally proposed by John Money,**19** which combined gender, orientation, and interest, based on now debunked theories of human imprinting and the impossibility of neural plasticity. No one has ever published survival cures supporting their claims of 100 percent failure rates in the treatment of people with pedophilia. Perhaps it is time to change the paradigm and consider pedophilia not as an orientation but as a disorder of sexual interest which is as modifiable as other interests. For more on these arguments, please see Fedoroff.**16**

Readers may wonder how this discussion of pedophilia applies to their practice of forensic psychiatry. Consider the following final set of arguments.

The debate between the researchers reviewed in this essay has been both collegial and productive. All proponents of the alternative views expressed in this article are scientific colleagues who have agreed to collaborate on research to test our divergent hypotheses. In forensic psychiatry, which by its nature tends to veer toward the legal method of oppositional reasoning, it is important to remember the ultimate aim of parsimoniously explaining existing data and accurately predicting new data, not clinging to a paradigm just because it is the prevailing one. If the facts you are trying to explain do not make sense, consider whether there may be another way to look at things.

Paradigms help us to explain known observations and make accurate predictions. They also can blind us to new perspectives and data that may be better. Often, a new perspective or paradigm changes the valence of facts and reveals data that previously were overlooked or discounted.

Contrary to prevailing views, it is permissible to entertain competing paradigms. Quantum physics is based on the realization that light can be both a particle and a wave. Similarly, there may be times when it makes sense to combine sexual interest and orientation into sexual orientation, as long as it is remembered they are two different things that do not always go together. It is acceptable to offer more than one explanation or to admit one paradigm does not make sense.

Readers may have noted that proponents of the idea that pedophilia is an orientation always use "identity-first" terminology instead of "people-first" terminology. Patients in the Royal's Sexual Behaviours Clinic groups are always reminded not to think or refer to themselves as "pedophiles," as that is an identity they will change. In progress notes, to remind the reader of the fact that these are

people with a condition for which treatment is being received, they are referred to as “people with pedophilia,” instead of “pedophiles.” It is a treatment aim that people with pedophilia will cease having sexual interests in children. When their interests change to adults, they will no longer have pedophilia. This approach is important both to patients and the treatment team and arguably applicable to all of our patients in whichever branch of forensic psychiatry we work. The use of person-first terminology is vital when forensic psychiatrists treat patients, testify in court, teach, and, especially, make public media presentations. It does make a difference.

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Why is pedophilia not "just another sexual orientation"? Is there a scientific basis behind this distinction?

If pedophilia is a mental disorder, what is the underlying cause of it developing? Is it genetics? Does it have to do with the person's upbringing or certain types of events that occurred in their lives?

The pedophiles I have had as clients had almost no relationship with their fathers. They had difficulty with their identities as males. They saw themselves as **young emotionally**, almost equal to their age of choice for sex. They experience a profound sense of rejection from their fathers, whether true or not.

They carry huge amounts of **shame**, long before they acted out sexually. The rejection they perceive results in huge shame, which they do not share with anyone. Though they will often look down their noses as others.

Half or more of the pedophiles I have had as clients were **molested as children**. This had an imprinting effect on them. Their first sexual experience became their normal sexual experiences.

All of the pedophiles I have had in treatment have **no close friends**. One was an extrovert and greeted people at church, had couples over to his house, etc., but never shared anything personal about himself, no struggles, no emotional closeness, only chitchat, card playing, sports.

Almost all had a **moralistic** sense of right and wrong. They functioned at the moral level of a ten year old. Some of them would refuse to undergo sexual rehab treatment in prison, because it violated their faith: no masturbation. The sex rehab treatment included masturbating (in private)

with fantasies of adult partners instead of child partners. The men would righteously refuse to participate in the treatment, because they could not violate their faith's rules. These men tended toward religions that were black and white in thinking.
So if you added up all of those traits you might come to the conclusion that pedophiles have had **early childhood trauma**, and are functioning at an emotional level much younger than an adult.

Is Pedophilia a Sexual Orientation?

Abstract

In this article, I address the question of whether pedophilia in men can be construed as a male sexual orientation, and the implications for thinking of it in this way for scientific research, clinical practice, and public policy. I begin by defining pedophilia and sexual orientation, and then compare pedophilia (as a potential sexual orientation with regard to age) to sexual orientations with regard to gender (heterosexuality, bisexuality, and homosexuality), on the bases of age of onset, correlations with sexual and romantic behavior, and stability over time. I conclude with comments about the potential social and legal implications of conceptualizing pedophilia as a type of sexual orientation in males.

Paedophilia a 'sexual orientation - like being straight or gay'

A paedophile has the 'same ingrained attraction that a heterosexual female may feel towards a male', psychologist says

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Paedophilia is a "sexual orientation" like being straight or gay, according to a criminal psychologist. The idea that sexual attraction to children is an "orientation" is highly controversial as it suggests that offenders cannot change.

But, writing on the Reddit networking website, the psychologist said it was possible to treat child sex abusers on "the understanding that the attraction may always remain".

The psychologist set up the "ask me anything" thread on Reddit. Their identity was not revealed but was verified by the website.

Asked "can paedophiles actually change?", the expert wrote: "I believe Paedophilic Disorder is a sexual orientation with individual that are attracted to child features. In other words, an individual with paedophilia has the same ingrained attraction that a heterosexual female may feel towards a male, or a homosexual feels towards their same gender.

"With that being said, it needs to be said that sexuality is more of a spectrum than a finite category. We know that heterosexuals may engage in homosexual behaviour, and deny they are bisexual or homosexual.

However the psychologist stressed in a later edit that they had not mean to imply paedophiles could not be treated – to an extent.

"Treatment, to me, isn't about modifying the orientation per se, but getting the individual to find

more appropriate behaviours to engage in," they wrote.
"An individual can have paedophilic interests without ever acting on these behaviourally. However, as I am working with criminal offenders, my experience is entirely weighted to those who have engaged in this behaviourally."
The psychiatrist said they focused on three main areas when trying to treat a child sex abuser: "One, do you understand who can and can't provide consent? How will you go through and identify this? Two, can you identify the risks or situations which would increase when you engage in sexual activity with someone who can't provide consent? How can you avoid these or limit them? Three, what can you focus on positive in your life which can replace or mitigate when you may be most likely to offend? What are some things you can do which are adaptive and help you in the long run?"
In May 2015, research from the National Crime Agency suggested 250,000 men in the UK could be considered "true paedophiles" - adults who are attracted to pre-pubescent girls less than 12 years old.
Talking to The Independent in the wake of the research, one psychologist working said they should be treated as victims rather than offenders.
"It is a disease, it is a trait, it is not a choice. They haven't chosen to change, but they can learn how to live responsibly with their sexual desires," Petya Schuhmann, who works with a scheme in Germany called Project Dunkelfeld, which allows individuals to anonymously contact therapists who help them control their sexual urges towards children.
Last year, a self-confessed paedophile, Todd Nickerson, a freelance graphic designer from Tennessee, caused uproar after writing an article asking people to be understanding of his "sexual orientation".
Called *I'm a paedophile, you're the monsters*, the piece explained how he believed his molestation as a child was the reason he is now sexually attracted to young girls. He also mentioned his membership of the "Virtuous Paedophiles" forum - an online community of paedohpiles who have vowed never to act on their sexual urges.
In July 2010, the Harvard Mental Health Letter of July 2010 stated that "paedophilia is a sexual orientation and unlikely to change. Treatment aims to enable someone to resist acting on his sexual urges".
The idea of treating paedophilia as a disease has long been controversial.
In 2013, Donald Finklater, of the child protection charity the Lucy Faithfull Foundation, said: "There may be some vulnerabilities that could be genetic, but normally there are some significant events in a person's life, a sexually abusive event, a bullying environment ... I believe it is learned, and can be unlearned."
Sexual Orientation Is Not What You Think It Is
When we speak of protecting people "whatever their sexual orientation," we must realize the term is not as simple as most assume.
Judge Amy Coney Barrett got a moralistic finger wagging from Senator Mazie Hirono (D-HI) last

week in her hearings because she used the term "sexual preference" rather than "sexual orientation." Hirono said Barrett's word choice "did speak volumes" about her philosophy because, as the senator explained, "sexual preference is an offensive and outdated term." Hirono scolded Barrett roundly by saying, "sexual orientation is a key part of a person's identity" and went on to explain "that sexual orientation is both a normal expression of human sexuality and immutable was a key part of the majority's opinion in *Obergefell*."

Obergefell wasn't the only recent Supreme Court case dealing with sexual orientation. Just this summer, the Court said in *Bostock* that the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which bans discrimination on the basis of sex, also reaches "sexual orientation." Similarly, governments around the world have been adding sexual orientation as a protected class.

Thus, one's sexual orientation and what that means are no longer just a private matter. They have very public consequences. We generally assume the term refers to someone being either homosexual or heterosexual, gay or straight, and that these two lanes are strictly fixed and immutable. This is precisely what the Supreme Court has assumed. But anyone who believes this, Senator Hirono included, is not aware that the ground situating the question of what *is* and *is not* a sexual orientation has been shifting tectonically under our feet in the last few years.

According to a fascinating and ever-evolving academic literature, sexual orientation is no longer what most people think it is. And as we shall see, Judge Barrett's terminology is actually more in line with the latest thinking of leading gender scholars because, as one of them has stated in a paper examined below, "sexual orientation as a term is increasingly seen as regressive" because it "belongs to the bioessentialist project."

Scholars keep adding new sexual orientations to the list, while more than a few experts are questioning whether it exists at all.

Given the far-reaching, punitive consequences resulting from the slightest perceived prejudice against another's sexual orientation, we all need to be mindful of this curious shift. Two things are happening simultaneously. Scholars keep adding new sexual orientations to the list, while more than a few experts are questioning whether it exists at all.

Sexual Orientation among Women

First, when it comes to male and female sexual orientation, things are as different as Mac and PC. They appear to have completely different operating systems. In fact, some scholars have wondered if women even have a sexual orientation, in the typical sense. This appreciation started coming to press in earnest in 2000. Two UCLA scholars writing in the *Journal of Social Issues* asserted that "Major scientific findings . . . provide the basis for a paradigm shift in the conceptualization of women's sexual orientation." "Women's sexuality and sexual orientation are," they explain, "potentially fluid, changeable over time, and variable across social contexts." It has to do with how they fall in love. In vast distinction to males, "women tend to have a relational or partner-centered orientation to sexuality," rather than a sexual or genital-based one.

Roy Baumeister, the groundbreaking scholar who initiated this shift in understanding and on whose work these authors were riffing, discovered that women possess what he called an "erotic plasticity." He described female sexual orientation as "socially flexible" and relationally responsive. This led two of the biggest names in the field to famously interrogate the subject even more deeply with these two questions: "What Does Sexual Orientation Orient?" (Lisa J. Diamond) and "What Is Sexual Orientation and Do Women Have One?" (J. Michael Bailey). These, along with Baumeister's, are massively foundational writings in the field.

Lisa Diamond was an emerging scholar when she wrote her paper, a prized protégée of one of the field's absolute giants, Cornell's Ritch Savin-Williams. She went on to establish an impressive academic reputation for her work on female sexuality. She asks in this original essay, "Does sexual orientation fundamentally circumscribe the class of individuals with whom one can call in love?" She answered blankly, "I posit that the answer is no." Diamond explained in an important TEDx Talk, that while she adamantly opposes all forms of change-therapy, "The plain truth is that gender and sexual development show a lot more variability than most people realize, and that variability often leads to change over time in sexual attraction. . . . Sexual attractions show a fair amount of fluidity." This could be called "preference."

Diamond holds that "women typically report that their unusually strong emotional feelings spill over into sexual desire— . . . even desires that contradict their sexual orientations—as a result of falling in love."

She holds that "women are . . . more likely than men to say that they become attracted to—or fall in love with—the person and not the gender." As such, "women typically report that their unusually strong emotional feelings spill over into sexual desire— . . . even desires that contradict their sexual orientations—as a result of falling in love." Diamond's most notable publication is her book *Sexual Fluidity: Understanding Women's Love and Desire*, published by Harvard University Press.

Northwestern University's J. Michael Bailey, a scholar who has faced his share of potentially career-crushing harassment for being academically heterodox, followed Diamond, infamously asking whether women even have a sexual orientation, as we typically think about it. Like Diamond and Baumeister he explains, "There is an emerging consensus that women's sexual partner choices are sometimes made for different reasons than men's." "Men," Bailey adds, "but not women, have a category-specific sexual arousal pattern, one that is usually directed more strongly to members of one sex than to those of the other." He concluded that women do not so much have a *sexual* orientation, as a *romantic* one. This understanding has gained near-universal consensus. A paper published by Diamond this year in the *Archives of Sexual Behavior* extends this understanding, isolating four distinct types of female sexual fluidity.

This is one of the reasons that women can "find" their so-called lesbian self for a brief time in their early twenties or later in life. They are not discovering a new, or latent sexuality per se, but rather new people in a new phase of life. And it is more possible for that bond to become erotic and

sexualized in women, regardless of their partner's body. And as Diamond explains, this can be surprising, even disturbing to the women themselves, because they have an old paradigm view that sexual orientation is set.

Is Bisexuality an Orientation?

Would it be more accurate to say that such "temporarily lesbian" women are actually bisexual? Is bisexuality an enduring and stable sexual orientation, or just more evidence of the fluidity of sexual desire? Do men exhibit the same patterns of attraction?

This is a hotly contested issue, particularly in the queer community. In a 2016 paper in the *Archives of Sexual Behavior* entitled "Defining Sexual Orientation," Dr. Steven Moser from the Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality said, it was "not clear whether bisexuality is its own unique sexual orientation." That changed this summer, however.

The *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* ceremoniously announced the arrival of "robust evidence for bisexual orientation among men" in August. The piece was authored by an impressive array of leading lights in the field of human sexuality, edited by no less than Harvard's Steven Pinker. Their findings refute "skeptics [who] believe that male sexual orientation can only be homosexual or heterosexual, and that bisexual identification reflects nonsexual concerns, such as a desire to de-emphasize homosexuality." Thus, they conclude, "Male sexual orientation is expressed on a continuum rather than dichotomously." This is a paradigm shift from the binary of either this or that, gay or straight among men that most people assume.

Can Men Be "A Little Gay"?

The popular sitcom *30 Rock* had a bit where Frank, one of main character Liz Lemon's writers on an NBC comedy show, suddenly becomes "gay for Jamie," the hot, young coffee delivery guy. Frank is transfixed. Liz tells him "That's not a thing! You can't be gay for just one person. Unless you're a lady and you meet Ellen." Well, apparently, it's very much a thing, and that brings us to the latest work of Ritch Savin-Williams and the increasing complexity of male bisexuality. His newest book, *Mostly Straight*, from Harvard University Press, expands upon the ground Diamond broke, documenting an emerging sexual fluidity among men.

Savin-Williams holds that "mostly straight" is "a distinct sexual orientation group" of men who are *mostly* heterosexual in their sexual attraction, but are expressly open to same-sex romantic relationships that turn sexual. And they are not some mere curiosity sideshow. Savin-Williams says the evidence suggests that more young men identify as "mostly straight" than identify as either bisexual or gay combined. Savin-Williams explains that his findings "have implications for conceptualization of sexual orientation as a continuum." He believes that the popularly held notion of sexual orientation is wholly inadequate to explain what he and his peers have been discovering. The "tri-category system (of gay, straight and bi)," Savin-Williams explains, "has outgrown its usefulness and [it is clear] that more groups are necessary."

What about Pedophilia?

All this raises an important question: Must a sexuality be socially acceptable to be considered a

genuine orientation? We assume that it must be, because the term is usually raised in the realm of what Harvard Law School's Mary Ann Glendon famously referred to as "rights talk." Thus, public sympathy for and solidarity with said orientation must be carefully established for larger political purposes. But must this necessarily be so? Are there scientifically bona fide sexual orientations that all good people agree are unacceptable? What about pedophilia?

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This is not a silly question. Nor is it a new one: a major paper in the *Archives of Sexual Behavior* took up the question eight years ago. Bluntly titled "Is Pedophilia a Sexual Orientation?" the paper concludes that pedophilia is indeed a sexual orientation. The journal explains, "By the above definition of sexual orientation—and most common definitions of sexual orientation—pedophilia can be viewed as a sexual age orientation."

The editors of Harvard Medical School's *Harvard Mental Health Letter* saw the question as worthy of attention as well. As far back as 2010, they stated clearly: "Consensus now exists that pedophilia is a distinct sexual orientation, not something that develops in someone who is homosexual or heterosexual." They conclude: "Pedophilia is a sexual orientation and unlikely to change."

Scientific American also has addressed the question, referring to pedophilia as an "erotic age orientation" in a 2009 article delineating three distinct forms of sexual attraction to underage children. There's even a TEDx Talk on the subject. Mirjam Heine from the Medical School at the University of Würzburgin Germany explained in 2018 that, "like every other sexual orientation, pedophilia can have different characteristics." The purpose of her talk was to distinguish between pedophilia's legitimacy *as* an orientation, the dignity of the individual who possesses it, and how we can help him never act upon it.

So no, a pattern of attraction need not be socially acceptable to be considered a sexual orientation. Some are highly detestable and illegal.

Is Sexual Orientation Even a Thing?

Professor Sari van Anders of Queen's University in Canada is taking it a step further. She calls for retiring the concept of sexual orientation altogether in favor of her more scientifically and experientially accurate "Sexual Configuration Theory." She holds that "sexual orientation as a term is increasingly seen as regressive," because it "belongs to the bioessentialist project" that provides no chance for someone to become or experience something "other" sexually with an equal legitimacy. SCT is, she claims, a better "framework for understanding diverse partnered sexualities, separate from solitary sexualities," adding: "Theories of sexual orientation rooted solely in sex are scientifically problematic because they fail to 'see' diverse sexualities that empirically exist." In short, the construct of sexual orientation fails to account for people's experiences of sexual fluidity. Her call to move "beyond sexual orientation" has been largely welcomed among her peers.

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So, when we speak of protecting people "whatever their sexual orientation," we must realize the term is not anywhere as simple as most assume. As we have seen, there are age-based orientations, as in pedophilia. There are romance-based orientations. There are multi-partner orientations, such as polyamory. There are practice-based orientations, like BDSM. There is objectum-sexuality, a documented sexual orientation toward inanimate objects. There are even abrosexuals who seem to change their sexual orientation often and effortlessly. Luckily, they have their own flag so you can pick them out at the parades.

We are not in Kansas anymore, Toto. The high-minded moral movement calling us to respect all sexual orientations has failed to keep pace with its own progress. To ask our interlocutor, "What sexual orientations are you referring to?" will sound like a daft question, but it is precisely the most informed one. It seems as though Judge Barrett was indeed more precise and scientific in her original word choice.

Is pedophilia a sexual orientation?

Pedophilia has been widely viewed as a psychological disorder triggered by early childhood trauma. Now, many experts see it as a biologically rooted condition that does not change — like a sexual orientation — thanks largely to a decade of research by Dr. James Cantor at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health.

Cantor's team has found that pedophiles share a number of physical characteristics, including differences in brain wiring. It's now thought that about 1 to 5 per cent of men are pedophiles, meaning they are primarily attracted to children.

These findings have been widely accepted among scientists, but have had little impact on social attitudes or law. However, we are left with the alarming question: if some men are born pedophiles, what should society do with them?

Bolstered by this research, pedophiles who have never molested children are seeking social acceptance.

'We can resist'

Ethan Edwards has always loved little girls.

For years, he told himself his feelings were protective and loving, nothing more. But when he hit 50, he found he couldn't stifle his desires any longer.

"I realized that young girls certainly took my breath away, more than grown-ups are usually charmed by kids," he says.

Edwards, using a pseudonym, wrote about this realization on Virtuous Pedophiles, a website he co-founded for pedophiles who have never molested children. The group says their attraction is one they were born with and cannot change, but can control.

Edwards says the goal of Virtuous Pedophiles is to prevent child abuse, by reducing the stigma against non-offender pedophiles.

“We do not choose to be attracted to children, and we cannot make that attraction go away,” reads the website, which has about 200 members.

“But we can resist the temptation to abuse children sexually, and many of us present no danger to children whatsoever. Yet we are despised for having a sexual attraction that we did not choose, cannot change, and successfully resist.”

The biology of pedophiles

Sitting inside his office at the College St. research hospital, Cantor is surrounded by books on sexology and eccentric decor — a framed sign that reads “Data Is My Porn,” a throw pillow that spells “penis” in Braille.

Down the hall at the Kurt Freund Phallometric Lab, Cantor’s research team conducts experiments on convicted sex offenders. The men view nude images of children and adults of both sexes, while a device measures blood flow to their penises.

The method, called phallometry and invented by Freund in the 1950s, accurately measures sexual interests in 90 per cent of men, Cantor says.

“It’s the most obvious test in the world,” he says. “The procedure gives us a relative measure of how he reacts to the adult categories versus the child categories.”

His team has found that pedophiles share many physical characteristics. They are shorter, on average, than other men. They are three times more likely to be left-handed or ambidextrous. Their IQs are about 10 to 15 points lower. Finally, they are more prone to childhood head injuries — which Cantor chalks up to a natural clumsiness.

These physical characteristics are determined before birth, so the explanation for pedophilia must be in part prenatal, Cantor says.

“It’s become harder and harder to explain pedophilia on just (early childhood events). It’s either purely biological or a mix of biological and experiential. But pure experience can’t explain these data.”

Cantor, an internationally respected clinical psychologist, has also conducted studies with sex offenders using MRIs. He has found they have less white matter — the connective tissue that carries messages to other parts of the brain — than other types of criminal offenders.

The evidence suggests pedophilia results from atypical wiring in the brain. Cantor calls it “cross-wiring”: the stimuli that usually evoke nurturing and protective reactions in adults is instead evoking sexual reactions in pedophiles.

Similar experiments are being conducted across the globe, most notably at Berlin’s Institute of Sexology and Sexual Medicine, but Cantor’s research has greatly influenced the view among researchers that pedophilia has a biological basis.

Pedophiles are thought to be overwhelmingly men. About a third of those men prefer boys, about a third prefer girls, and a third will be attracted to both.

Although female sex offenders exist, they are rare and it is more difficult to test their desires. Queen’s University sexologist Dr. Meredith Chiversconducted a similar genital-based test on

women, but found, curiously, that females respond to everything — including images of bonobos copulating. (One theory is that during evolution, women developed this response as an automatic defence mechanism for rape.)

Some researchers disagree on whether the brain differences in pedophiles occurred before birth or in early development. Regardless, many are coming around to the view that pedophiles cannot be "cured" — but some can be stopped from molesting children.

Preventing child abuse

"Not all sex offenders who target children are pedophiles, and not all pedophiles are sex offenders," says Dr. Michael Seto, a pedophilia expert and forensic researcher with the Royal Ottawa Health Care Group.

Seto, a former colleague of Cantor's at CAMH, has found that only 50 to 60 per cent of convicted sex offenders are pedophiles. The rest have sexually abused children for reasons beyond attraction — personality disorders, chaotic households or violent impulses.

His research has focused on psychological traits shared by sex offenders, potentially providing insight into why some pedophiles molest children, while other "virtuous" pedophiles like Edwards are apparently able to control their urges.

Seto has found that sex offenders are much more likely to have a sexual abuse history than other types of criminal offenders. Certain traits, including impulsiveness, risk-taking behaviour, sexual preoccupation and lack of empathy, are also shared by sex offenders.

He has argued forcefully for pedophilia to be thought of as a sexual orientation — an idea he acknowledges is controversial, but hopes will actually help prevent child abuse.

"Right now, it's really slanted so that the treatment services are for people who have gotten into trouble," he says. "Obviously, we need that, but I think where there is a big gap is in terms of prevention. How do we reach people who are sexually attracted to children and are aware of it?"

One of the concerns with labelling pedophilia a sexual orientation is the potential for parallels to be drawn with homosexuality. Seto is quick to point out the difference between orientation based on age, and orientation based on gender.

However, if pedophilia was widely viewed as a sexual orientation, effective treatment could focus on self-regulation skills — avoiding acting on one's urges — rather than trying in vain to change sexual preferences, he wrote in a research paper last year.

"Pedophiles will remain hidden if they continue to be hated and feared, which would impede efforts to better understand this sexual orientation and thereby prevent child sexual exploitation," he wrote.

Mandatory reporting laws make it incredibly risky for pedophiles to tell therapists about their desires. In Canada, one is only required to report to the police if a specific child is at risk, but the laws can be misunderstood by mental health professionals, says Seto.

The Harper government recently announced tougher measures against child predators, including a public sex offender registry. Seto says this is misguided, given that the recidivism rate for convicted sex offenders is actually quite low, at about 10 to 15 per cent.

“One of the worries would be that would further drive individuals underground,” he says. “It could also lead to problems that decrease the likelihood they can successfully be integrated.”

Ironically, Cantor says the idea that pedophiles are born, not made, can be used to support opposing political views — some will say “lock ’em up and throw away the key,” while others will call for sympathy and therapy.

Cantor often receives emails from distraught men seeking guidance on controlling their desires. The side effect of strict mandatory reporting laws is that people don’t come in for help, he says.

Pedophiles among us

To the unassuming onlooker, Ethan Edwards leads an ordinary life in Pennsylvania. He is in his mid-50s and works as a software developer. He was married for more than a decade and raised three daughters. He is well-respected in his community.

But Edwards harbours a secret that, if exposed, threatens his entire livelihood and reputation. He is attracted to girls as young as 4 — and although he says he has never molested a child, his desire is enough to make him a monster in most people’s eyes.

“For me, the biggest problem with this is the isolation,” he says in an interview over Google Chat. “Everyone else thinks I’m sick and dangerous. Well, not everyone, but most of society.”

Edwards is actually a rarity among pedophiles, in that he managed to suppress his desires until he was middle-aged. Most pedophiles become aware of their urges at puberty or by the time they are young adults; many will describe their desires as romantic, not just sexual.

He is also able to maintain relationships with adult women — he says he was attracted to his wife while they were married. Perhaps surprisingly to some, he says he was never attracted to his daughters, citing an innate repulsion to incest.

Even now that he has accepted he is attracted to children, he swears that he will never act on his urges.

“I think it’s because my protective instinct towards children is so strong,” he says.

Edwards says he has never seen any child pornography. Instead he looks at seemingly innocuous photos of children — almost always wearing clothes, at least bathing suits. Cantor calls it “victimless,” although some might dispute that.

He launched his website with Nick Devin, also a middle-aged professional using a pseudonym, after meeting him on another support group, b4uact.org. Both felt sex with children was inherently wrong, and they wanted to create a website for other pedophiles with that view.

On Virtuous Pedophiles’s “First Words” page, pedophiles — many of them teenagers or young adults — describe their relief at finding the group.

“I am in my late 20s and have been dealing with unwanted attraction to young boys since I was a teenager,” writes one member. “Though I have never acted on these attractions with anyone, this is my primary sexual attraction, and it bothers me greatly. I have considered suicide many times.”

Many pedophiles online do not share the viewpoint of Edwards and Devin.

On some sites, anonymous writers advocate for lowering the age of consent.

“It should be clear to anyone with any grey matter that pedophilia is just another oppressed sexual orientation or interest, and age doesn’t somehow magically make consensual sex between two people into something evil,” writes one user.

Another writes: “Nobody will ever quite understand the pain that we feel . . . seeing and longing for something we love but cannot have . . . and if we reach for it . . . we are accused of being sadistic monsters who only want to hurt kids. It will not last forever. Things will change.”

Edwards says he is disturbed by the activists that are “pro-contact” and hopes that young, struggling pedophiles find his group first.

State lawmaker: Pedophilia is like homosexuality

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ABC11 spoke with Stam over the phone, he declined an interview but said, "if someone wants to use the term sexual orientation in a bill, tell us what they mean."

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Tell me it isn't true.

freedomproject.com/the-newman-report/1077-pedophilia-being-taught-as-sexual-orientation-in-california-schools

Horrified, the mother turned activist expressed shock at Torres' admission. “So sex between a man and a boy is a sexual orientation?” she asked. Torres did not deny it. “It's something that occurred in history, and so this is really important for us to include,” the assistant superintendent said, implying that yes, sexual relations between a man and a boy — properly considered rape under the laws of every state — is a “sexual orientation.”
TimeLady · 21/04/2019 08:55

Thanks for that link. This paragraph stood out:

Consider: With “sexual orientation” increasingly becoming a legally protected category across

almost half of the states already — with Congress working on it too — the implications of defining pedophilia and pederasty as such are hard to overstate. For instance, in California, "discrimination" based on "sexual orientation" is prohibited. If pedophiles simply have a different "sexual orientation," does that mean schools are required to hire them?

The pieces of the jigsaw are all starting to fall into place.

Is Pedophilia a Sexual Orientation?

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The question on pedophilia as a sexual orientation

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I recently asked a question, now deleted, about whether or not pedophilia can be considered a sexual orientation.
(It asked "Is pedophilia a sexual orientation?" and received an answer that used certain definitions to show that sexual orientation did not include pedophilia. The claim itself was not addressed.)
It's based on a notable claim that pedophilia is the equivalent of heterosexuality or homosexuality.
I had thought the claim was pretty clear-cut, however some people took this as an issue of definitions and semantics.

The only answer to the question doesn't answer the question I wanted to ask, at all. I can admit that was a problem with my wording of the question. I have an proposed edit, although I have been told that it would be unacceptable to edit the question after it has been answered.
I'm pretty sure that is policy, although I can't find that written anywhere.
So, what should I do in this case? The question I want to ask is much closer to "Can pedophilia be considered equivalent to heterosexuality and/or homosexuality?".
That is much closer to the actual claim and would yield answers showing studies in support of or against the claim, rather than quoting from definitions (which do not address the claim).
So, what can I do here? Should I post a new question clarifying what I mean?
Surely editing an existing question to clarify meaning is preferable to posting a new, very similar yet distinctly different question?
I'm keen that we don't end up in a cycle of unclear questions and inappropriate answers.
Asking "Is A like B?" is not a scientific question. It doesn't specify the criteria, and is hence unfalsifiable. I could probably come up with ten ways that paedophilia is like heterosexuality, ten ways it is like homosexuality, and ten ways it is not like either of them. It wouldn't be a test of a claim; it would be a test of my lateral thinking skills.
Asking "Is paedophilia equivalent to sexual orientation?" has the same issue. Obviously, they are not identical. From that point, arguing whether they are equivalent is just calling for opinion on what equivalence means.
Presumably, there is some particular aspect of paedophilia you wish to compare to sexual orientation; some criteria you want to use to judge their equivalence. This is a good point to look at the quoted claim.
“Pedophiles are not simply people who commit a small offence from time to time but rather are grappling with what is equivalent to a sexual orientation just like another individual may be grappling with heterosexuality or even homosexuality,” emphasized Van Gijseghem.
My reading of this quote is saying that paedophilia is equivalent to sexual orientation *in two particular dimensions*:
1) that some people "grapple" with their sexual desires, rather than making a reasoned choice about what their desires should be.
2) that their sexual desires last for a long period, rather being an occasional whim.
Are either of these statements ones you are doubtful about?
(Note: Many members of the straight and of the LGBT communities don't seem to "grapple" with their sexuality, but to be proud of it. Similarly, members of organisations like NAMBLA appear proud of their desires.)

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- Removed a long thread of posts - StackExchange is not a forum. Don't use the comment system to have a conversation.– Sklivvz
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  Feb 19, 2012 at 16:05

Pity the discussion was removed, didn't see it. So would "is pedophilia a sexual orientation" suffer from the same problems according to you (assuming that all terms are rigorously defined within the question body, and be in accordance with what either most people or the medical establishment understand by them)? If not, why not?– Konrad Rudolph
Commented
Feb 21, 2012 at 13:24

I edited Sonny's question to clarify this point, as you cannot see the question any more. The original question was exactly this, but didn't define the terms. The answer provided used standard, rigorous definitions to show the answer was no. My prediction in the comments, which was fulfilled, was that such an answer would be unsatisfying.– Oddthinking
Mod Commented
Feb 21, 2012 at 13:49

@Konrad The answer provided relied on definitions from the free medical dictionary, a less than reputable source. Other sources such as WebMD list pedophilia as a sexual orientation. Which is why the claim was not addressed, and a game of meaningless semantics entered into. – Sonny Ordell
Commented
Feb 22, 2012 at 0:59

Your question, to me anyways, seems like merely a meaningless game of semantics.
What is a sexual orientation? How does one define homosexual? If someone lives their whole life attracted to or interested in the same sex, but only actually has sexual experiences with the opposite gender, does that make them homosexual? Bisexual? What if one has primarily same sex attractions for years, then gradually develop opposite sex attractions? Homosexual? Semi-homosexual? Part-time-homosexual? What if someone is sexually attracted to the same sex but only wants romantic relationships with the opposite sex? What if someone is only ever the insertive partner, never the receptive partner? Are they still homosexual?
Kinsey's studies found out that most people are somewhat bisexual. 25% of OKCupid's self identified straight users answered "yes" to the question "have you ever had a sexual encounter with someone of the same sex?" We have the term men who have sex with men to identify men who have sex with men who don't identify themselves as homosexual. The comments on this questionfurther illustrate the problem with the term homosexual.
It isn't a clear enough term to make comparisons to, nor would any comparison be meaningful. The concept of homosexuality is just another way people try to divide other people in neat boxes, but not everyone fits.

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- Psychiatric disorders tend to have distinct symptoms and causes. At the moment many psychologists seem to hold the view (I'm not sure if it is a consensus) that pedophilia is a result of environment and separately, that it can be treated. This is not consistent with a sexual orientation. – Sonny Ordell
  Commented
  Feb 22, 2012 at 0:55

  @Sonny [citation needed] – Sam I Am
  Commented
  Feb 23, 2012 at 17:35

  The question about pedophilia on the front page lays out the differences and criteria. Is there something you require more evidence for, other than which I have provided? If so, what? – Sonny Ordell
  Commented
  Feb 23, 2012 at 23:06

Is pedophilia a sexual orientation?
This is not necessarily a bad question. But this is more of behavioral, ethics related and what is accepted in our society. I voted this question up and then it was asked again in a different way which was kind of not nice.
While the question is good, does it really fit this site?
May be not. I can answer it with my personnel opinion but how can you prove it in the light of science or a notable quotation that this is indeed an orientation? who's quotation would be enough? Will a single author claim be acceptable? Or Do you want to find a gene that is responsible for being pedophile?
I don't think science has touched this subject at all why a person is gay or straight let alone pedophile? So while it is good question and worth discussing, probably it is not on topic and better off deleted. There is got to be some rules for this site.

- I asked the question again because the original question was basically voided, since people were making it about definitions rather than addressing the claim. The new question was an attempt to exclude similar unproductive answers. – Sonny Ordell
  Commented
  Feb 25, 2012 at 17:31

  The claims made about pedophelia being a mental disorder attribute to it many symptoms that are defining as a disorder and not applicable to an orientation. The claims that pedophilia is a sexual orientation and not a mental disorder refute those claims. I think this question can be addressed with the evidence we have available, even if the answer is "we don't yet

know".– Sonny Ordell
Commented
Feb 25, 2012 at 17:33

I have never heard from any criminal who said 'this is my sexual orientaion, I should be allowed to do this'. Neither any society has said this should be allowed as sexual orientation. Ppl will always through in things for question that is not worth taking someone time. As I said it is not a bad question, but moderators here thought it is not appropriate for the site, so they rule. If something cannot be proved "now", I mean that question is clearly off topic. It should be answerable, that is one criteria of the question. – TheTechGuy
Commented
Feb 25, 2012 at 20:21

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Check out the organization, B4UACT - (www.b4uact.org) which denies that pedophilia is a mental disorder and advocates it as an orientation. The question is answerable on this site, the only problem is when people make it about definitions and ignore the actual claims. – Sonny Ordell
Commented
Feb 26, 2012 at 0:48

@SonnyOrdell Your reference says exactly the opposite: "Pedophilia is listed in the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders".– Sklivvz
Commented
Feb 26, 2012 at 1:25

@Sklivvz it is not uncommon to quote from a source to establish what you are arguing against or disputing. If you look around their site you will see they disagree with pedophilia being a disorder. There is even a presentation to that effect. – Sonny Ordell
Commented
Feb 26, 2012 at 17:58

What about "is pedophilia innate?" or "has pedophilia ever been cured?"

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  Commented
  Feb 25, 2012 at 17:29

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The organization B4UACT is an advocacy/support group of sorts for pedophiles (NOT child molesters).
I think this section from their FAQ shows that they disagree it is a disorder since it lacks any of the defining characteristic of a disorder and is solely an orientation/preference.
Why do you say that minor-attracted people are stereotyped?
Popular beliefs about minor-attracted people are not supported by the evidence. Research shows that they are no more violent or aggressive than the general population, **nor do they suffer from psychopathology or personality disorders. As a group, they do not share any particular characteristics or behaviors other than their feelings of attraction**. For more information, see our fact sheet.
Emphasis mine.

That is a pretty clear claim to me. Is there really no way to question it without getting lost in definitions?

- On their "fact sheet" they say that pedophilia is a recognised medical disorder. They can't have it both ways... – Sklivvz
  Commented
  Feb 26, 2012 at 20:42

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  @Sklivvz They are stating that it is a recognized medical disorder because that is what they are challenging. When someone quotes a claim in a question on Skeptics.SE, it doesn't mean they accept the claim as true...– Sonny Ordell
  Commented
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I ended up asking this on the Cognitive Sciences SE. The answer after editing is now quite good.
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According to a press release by the American Family Association, a shocking announcement made by the American Psychiatric Association (APA) in its latest edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5) caused an uproar among pro-family organizations and many others, as the APA states it now classifies pedophilia as a sexual orientation or preference instead of a disorder.

Sandy Rios, cultural expert and talk show host on the American Family Radio network, issued a statement on behalf of the American Family Association in response to the APA's position on pedophilia:

Just as the APA declared homosexuality an ‘orientation’ under tremendous pressure from homosexual activists in the mid-'70s, now, under pressure from pedophile activists, they have declared the desire for sex with children an ‘orientation,’ too. It's not hard to see where this will lead. More children will become sexual prey.

Sanity will never return to this culture until truth is reclaimed. It is not now, nor has it ever been acceptable for men or women to desire sex with children. Any who struggle with this must at least know that it is wrong before they can combat it and seek change.

I had a similar discussion with a friend some weeks ago and he told me it's only a matter of time before pedophiles begin to claim that "I am born this way, this is who I am, can't change, accept me, tolerate me." Going by this press release, it's only a matter of time before bestiality makes it own case for acceptance.

To be fair to the APA, I found the DSM-5 fact sheet on paraphilic disorders and it only made mention of changing the name from "pedophilia" to "pedophilic disorder." I didn't see any mention of sexual orientation unless it is stated in the actual manual (which I couldn't find a free copy).

Also, I wouldn't' imagine that pedophiles are going to be allowed to indulge themselves in their criminal acts but there are already groups that support their cause.

Is this really a cause for concern or just another hype over nothing? Does classifying it as a sexual orientation have any bearing on the legality of

carrying out acts of pedophilia? Share your thoughts.

http://www.infonubia.com/2013/10/american-psychiatric-association.html

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Re: US Psychiatric Association Allegedly Classifies Pedophilia As Sexual Orientation by Connoisseur(m): **12:06am** On **Nov 01, 2013**

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Aru gbaa afo, o buru omenala

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Thank you. Reading is fundamental and comprehension is key.

Re: US Psychiatric Association Allegedly Classifies Pedophilia As Sexual Orientation by AbuMikey(m): **8:43am** On **Nov 01, 2013**

Re: US Psychiatric Association Allegedly Classifies Pedophilia As Sexual Orientation by pickabeau1: **9:31am** On **Nov 01, 2013**

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True,...
Its a matter of time... they will revise the revision and bring it back...

Re: US Psychiatric Association Allegedly Classifies Pedophilia As Sexual Orientation by devilincarnate: **10:36am** On **Nov 01, 2013**

Me i like intimacy with small girl because their toto is still tight not like these agbero sisters that full everywhere even nairaland . Legalise am joor

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Sexual Orientation by glimpse(f): **11:49am** On **Nov 01, 2013**

The US would soon say every perverted sexuality is an orientation....God help us ooooooooooooo

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That's right! They must have given it a thought. And what happens if they weren't called out? It could have been just another subtle mistake. I

really think the backlash made them fix it quickly.

Originally Posted by **Shangalang**

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Originally Posted by **Hellravager**

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2. They would be protected from discrimination, which most people would argue is ok when it comes to pedophiles.

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Originally Posted by **UnCorpse**

Isn't that wrong though, I'm pretty sure there is both heterosexual, bisexual, and homosexual pedophiles.
Anybody dumb enough to put "pedophile" on a paper while being fully aware how their kind is persecuted by society probably is asking for it.
To be fair the same could be said for homosexuals who still face plenty of persecution in many places.

Originally Posted by **Dakia**

Likely to preemptively counter the open language of the amendment in question as a point of clarification and restriction.
Aside from the occasional looney democrat, this equating of gay and pedophile occurs most visibly when social conservatives make that parallel to argue against gay marriage, to which I must ask: If the ones pushing that idea the hardest are also the ones who would oppose it the most, why worry?

Also, we must consider: was there anything else in the amendment that would have necessitated it being rejected?

Originally Posted by **Pengalor**

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I don't know California law, but it would have be a very specific state law to grant anti-discrimination privileges based on other laws.

Excluding that, then I don't care. Pedophiles exist and pretending they don't exist won't make them not exist. If they want to identify themselves to the government, then that's probably a good thing from a law enforcement perspective anyway.
Garnier Fructis

The Insane

Originally Posted by **artemishunter1**

I think the senator considering the scenario that a gay person who is pedophile not being able to get mental counciling or a gay pedophile being hired in the schools because schools can't do anything because of the first part i.e. being gay.
You're still arguing from the perspective that it's guaranteed by the bill, when it's not.

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being attracted is not a crime at all, so it does not need protecting. If someone has prior acts of molestation, this bill could potentially protect those people from being banned in schools. This is the problem

Originally Posted by **artemishunter1**

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I don't see why defining pedofilia as sexual orientation would be inaccurate. I'm not aware there to be any way to change ones sexual orientation so the bill would save people from unscientific treatments.
I rather doubt this bill would actually lead to pedophiles being let to work with children which seems to be the biggest issue.

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Originally Posted by **Raidenx**

Why was the amendment removing pedophilia from protection struck down?
Think about it:

Because they wanted to make it an issue. No sane person, nor sane judge would actually interpret the law this way, but by *making it an issue* they can oppose a law that would seem perfectly sensible other than needing more focused language. Nowhere in the bill did it actually mention pedophilia *until* it was proposed to amend it to specifically not include pedophilia - which isn't to say that that's not a bad idea, the language needs to be clearer - but also provides an avenue to ***imply*** that the original law included pedophilia as a sexual orientation *which it does not*.

Politics. Politics is about how much you can twist words and meanings.

Please also understand that my issue is not with the law, or even the amendment, because the bill has good intentions but needs to be clearer, and making laws clear and well worded is the job of lawmakers. Before anybody even tries to twist it this way, let me state I'm certainly not saying that pedophiles should have any protection, either. My issue is with misrepresenting the issue.

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Yes, I'm serious. Our justice system works on the idea of 'innocent until proven guilty'. You can not

immediately assume someone will commit a crime because they're a pedophile. They are innocent until they actually commit a crime.

In 20 years, you guys will be calling anyone who is against pedophilia a draconian neanderthal. It never stops with you liberals.

You're progressive. It's progress. Right?

Originally Posted by **Theodon**

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Indeed, though in all fairness I think it's a little easier to hide sexual orientation than it is to hide race : P.

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If orientations caused by chemicals in the brain, that chemicals can change it. The question is not whether sexual orientation could be cured (in the future we might find something to change brain chemistry if research was not contraversal i.e. if we can make lesbian rats, we can create straight ones as well), but whether it is morally right to see it as a disease and cure it.
Masark

The Insane

The Republican windmill tilters appear to be overlooking the minor fact that the bill only applies to

MINORS.

If an adult wants to sign up to be psychologically abused, that's their own matter. The bill only prohibits parents from forcing children into these "therapies".

Pedophilia and Sexual Orientation

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Keywords: pedophilia, sexual orientation, age orientation, pedophilic disorder

Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to examine the implications of viewing pedophilia as a sexual orientation. While there is a clear distinction between gender preferences in sexual orientations, the discussion around other factors of sexual orientation do not often include age orientation. Using the multi-dimensional framework proposed by Seto (2016), this paper seeks to add to the discussion of expanding the definition of sexual orientation to include age orientation. Pedophilia describes a paraphilia where people are romantically or sexually attracted to children. According to the DSM-5, people can be diagnosed with Pedophilic Disorder if their romantic and sexual attraction to children is persistent, pervasive, and if these feelings cause significant distress, or if they have acted on their feelings. Expanding the definition of sexual orientation to include age orientation would help reduce the stigma experienced by the minor-attracted population by allowing safer access to therapeutic interventions. Differentiating between sexual attraction and criminal behaviour would increase access to therapeutic interventions targeted towards reducing sexual offences against children.

Pedophilia is now a sexual orientation: a short analysis

This is going to be something hard to read, because it is a topic that moves our emotions deeply, but I do consider it is necessary to talk about it, so I am going to do my best summarizing how come pedophilia is now considered a sexual orientation and it's implications.

In 2013, the **American Psychological Association**changed the **Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders**, this is something they do every now and then because new studies are published every day, and the understanding we had of certain psychological conditions change, hence, the diagnostic criteria change.

That year, they considered pedophilia a sexual orientation, why? The definition for S.O according to the APA is:

Sexual orientation refers to an enduring pattern of emotional, romantic and/or sexual attractions to men, women or both sexes (...) sexual orientation is not merely a personal characteristic within an individual. Rather, one's sexual orientation defines the group of people in which one is likely to find the satisfying and fulfilling romantic relationships that are an essential component of personal identity for many people (...) To date, there has been no scientifically adequate research to show that therapy aimed at changing sexual orientation (sometimes called reparative or conversion therapy) is safe or effective.

Pedophilia is understood as the sexual attraction to prepubescent children, according to some reasearches, and the APA in 2013, this attraction starts with puberty, it is not chosen, it is self-discovered, and does not change with time.
To make it short, pedophilia, under these criteria, is a sexual orientation because it starts with the arrival of the puberty, it is permanent, and does not change with time. Just like the other sexual orientations already defined.

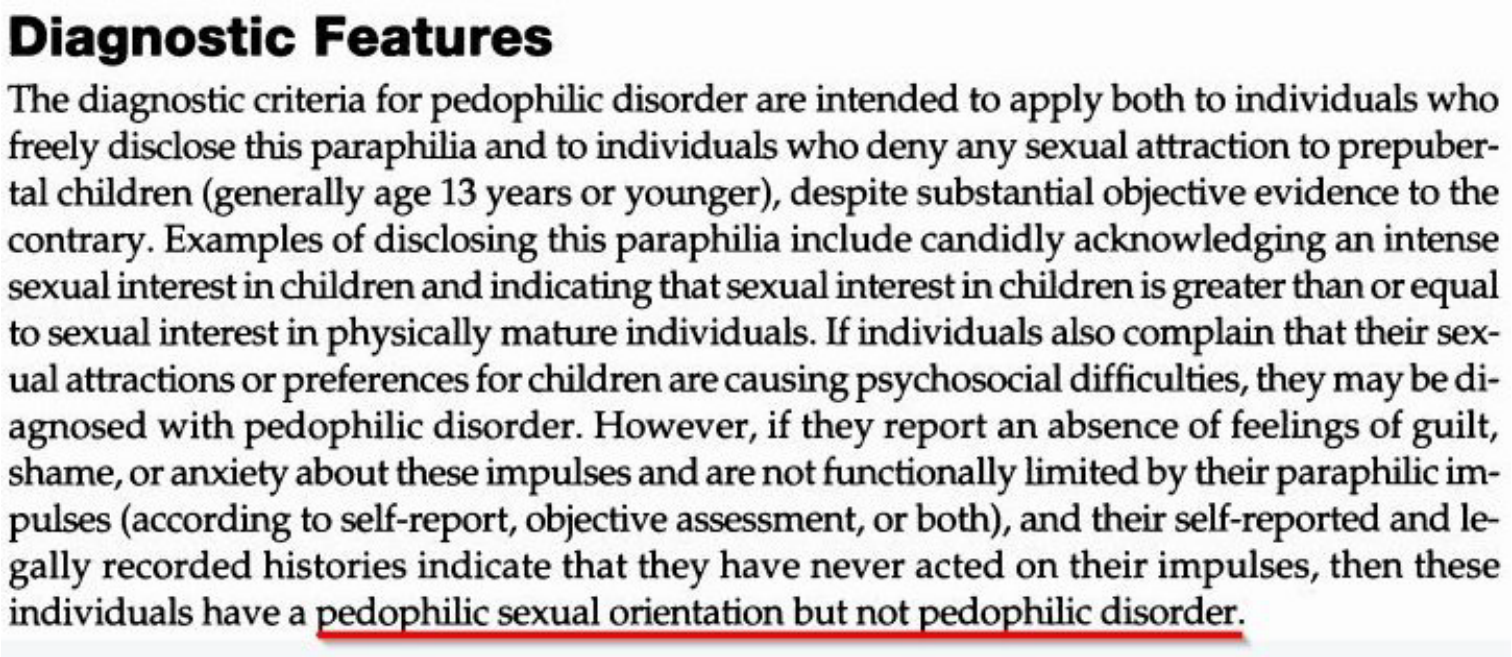
Does That Mean Is Okay?

Hell. NO.
To see it as a sexual orientation, does not changes the fact that it is, still and always will be, an attraction that will interfere with the pedofile's social development with society and themselves.
The reason homosexuality, heterosexuality, asexuality, and bisexuality are not considered a mental disorder is that they do not interfere with the person's development. Although we already know that the gay community has gone through a lot, because of social reasons; being sexually or emotionally attracted to the same sex does not harm you or others in any way, while feeling this toward children, actually does.

Differences Between Paraphilia and Pedophilic Disorder

So, how exactly can we have a sexual orientation (socially accepted most of them) but also a mental disorder? How does this works? Although now pedophilia is seeing as a sexual orientation, it is also a paraphilia, for the reasons mentioned before.
A paraphilia is the experience of intense sexual arousal to atypical objects, situations, fantasies, behaviors, or individuals. You would be amazed by how long the list of paraphilias is, but I will talk about that some other day.
A paraphilic disorder is a paraphilia that is currently causing distress or impairment to the individual or a paraphilia whose satisfaction has entailed personal harm, or risk of harm, to others. A paraphilia is a necessary but not a sufficient condition for having a paraphilic disorder, and a paraphilia by itself does not necessarily justify or require clinical intervention.
Basically, what the DMS-V did was separating the pedophilia (seen as a sexual orientation) from the pedophilic disorder:
If they report an absence of feelings of guilt, shame, or anxiety about these impulses and are not functionally limited by their paraphilic impulses (according to self-report, objective assessment, or both), and their self-reported and legally recorded histories indicate that they have never acted on their impulses, then these individuals have a ***pedophilic sexual orientation but not pedophilic disorder***.
And how did they came with that? Noticing the three criteria for pedophilic disorder in DSM-5:
A. Over a period of at least 6 months, recurrent, intense sexually arousing fantasies, sexual urges, or behaviors involving sexual activity with a prepubescent child or children (generally age 13 years or younger).
B. The individual has acted on these sexual urges, or the sexual urges or fantasies cause marked

distress or interpersonal difficulty.
C. The individual is at least age 16 years and at least 5 years older than the child or children in Criterion A.
So, to summarize, a pedophile is A and C, basically somebody who is attracted to children in different ways but hasn't done anything to consumate those desires, and someone with a pedophilic disorder, matches all 3.



Diagnostic Features

The diagnostic criteria for pedophilic disorder are intended to apply both to individuals who freely disclose this paraphilia and to individuals who deny any sexual attraction to prepubertal children (generally age 13 years or younger), despite substantial objective evidence to the contrary. Examples of disclosing this paraphilia include candidly acknowledging an intense sexual interest in children and indicating that sexual interest in children is greater than or equal to sexual interest in physically mature individuals. If individuals also complain that their sexual attractions or preferences for children are causing psychosocial difficulties, they may be diagnosed with pedophilic disorder. However, if they report an absence of feelings of guilt, shame, or anxiety about these impulses and are not functionally limited by their paraphilic impulses (according to self-report, objective assessment, or both), and their self-reported and legally recorded histories indicate that they have never acted on their impulses, then these individuals have a pedophilic sexual orientation but not pedophilic disorder.

Public Opinion

If you have read this far, you are probably angry or confused or frustrated, and that is exactly how many people felt in 2013 when the APA made these changes, they even wrote a statement clarifying exactly what I am explaning you here, that they do not support this behaviour and certainly do not promote it either.
A famous TED talk about this topic went viral, and the misleading news titles saying that the APA and this woman promote pedofilia began.
Some go beyond that and compare pedophilia with homosexuality under falacies like "they are both dangerous", and of course, some members of the LGBT community jumped to say they have nothing to do with pedophiles and that it is not a sexual orientation, but a mental disorder.

Okay, So Why Should It Be Treated as a Sexual Orientation?

I still do not have an opinion, as a Social Psychologist, about this question. I, as you are, also have lots of questions and biased thoughts about this issue.
What I did find was some scientific opinions:
A culture that no longer demonizes pedophiles, he argues, may be one in which pedophiles themselves are more willing to seek help—and therefore one in which children are less likely to be abused.

What I think they are trying to say is, pedophiles as they describe them, are people who still hasn't done anything wrong (unless we bring to the table ethical and moral issues), while people with a pedophile disorder, have.
I think what the APA and some other psychologist try to do is open the talks about this topic to understand better what this is about and to help pedophiles before they develop a pedophilic disorder, and if you ask me, it seems reasonable, because so far, all we see is treatment for the victims and ways to prevent child abuse, but direct to the family and children, not to the potential abusers.
And yeah. I know what you are thinking, why would I want to help someone who could threaten such an innocent creature like a kid? I do not think it's about helping them, but helping you and the society we live in.
Pedophiles hide, most of them at least, they understand what they feel is wrong, and it's harder to look for help when everybody on earth demonizes you (and with reasons).
So maybe, this is an attempt to make them feel "safer" to ask for help and avoid more children being harmed. And I belive the most obvious excuse for this is how big the child pornography industry is and the number of sexually abused children in the US (and probably the world).
Groups such as B4U-ACT and Virtuous Pedophiles are non-profit organizations that promote mental health services, public understanding, and mutual support for minors attracted persons to help them lead fulfilling lives while remaining within the boundaries of the law (Levay, 2015). There are many safe ways to express pedophilic interests, such as role-playing and other power dynamics with consenting adults. Media has unfortunately exaggerated this sexual interest into a deviant, uncontrollable atrocity
Any thoughts on this? Do you agree with the APA? Do you think it will only make things worst?

master-set (64) 6 years ago (edited)

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This is exactly what I think, after that short research I did, I understand why they are separating pedophilia from a pedophilic disorder and I agree with you on assisting this people, for the sake of us all.
Just like people who come out of jail, if they do not count with family and friend support, if they can't find a job, and they already, legally at least, payed their debt to society, if they do not receive social help, chances are theyw ill commit a crime again.
I do believe that the alternatives offered today to alleviate their desire are a bit creepy, I haven't search how well they work, but if they do, then keep on doing it.
Now, something that comes to my mind is that, maybe new researches will show that known paraphilias like zoophilia and gerontophilia also show up during puberty, are everlasting and can't be modified, will they be considered sexual orientations in the future? Idk, it's quite an interesting debate topic.
Pedophilia, sexual orientation, and birth order.
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Abstract

This study extended research on birth order and erotic preferences by examining birth order in a sample of pedophiles. Charts of 338 pedophiles, assessed from 1980–1994 in the Behavioural Sexology Department of the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry in Toronto, were reviewed for family demographic information. In total, 170 (57 heterosexual pedophiles, 68 homosexual pedophiles, and 45 bisexual pedophiles) of these men had sufficient sibling information to be included in the analyses. The results indicated that homosexual-bisexual pedophiles had a later birth order than heterosexual pedophiles and that this effect was primarily the result of the homosexual-bisexual group being born later among their brothers. The results extend previous findings that homosexual men, regardless of sample composition, have a later birth order than comparable groups of heterosexual men. The results also challenge some existing theories on the nature and origins of pedophilia. (PsycInfo Database Record (c) 2022 APA, all rights reserved)

PEDOPHILIA VS SEXUAL ORIENTATION

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PEDOPHILIA VS SEXUAL ORIENTATION, Pedophilia Is NOT a Sexual Orientation: for All Mental Health Professional, Professors & Those Interested in Clinical Sexology, Human Sexuality and DSM-5.

I came across a Facebook post on September 5, 2020 that I knew would become controversial and as a Clinical Sexologist, I must respond to the public with my contrary report. The post's header was: 'Scholars Say Pedophilia Is Now A Sexual Orientation That Should Be Accepted by Members of Society'. Pedophilia is a paraphilia and paraphilia used to be called a sexual deviation or perversion, so I will strongly refute this theory immediately! I'm wondering who was desperate enough for recognition in this field that they were compelled to defy all established, clinical research with such a ridiculous claim.

The clinical fact is: Pedophilia is listed as one of the paraphilic disorders. There are other paraphilic disorders in DSM-5, such as necrophilia, zoophilia and bestiality. If acted upon, these are criminal

acts. However, the etiology of paraphilias is unknown. A paraphilia is thought of as 'a learned behavior'. This behavior occurs primarily in males between 6-12 years old, yet some clinicians believe it occurs more in the 5-7 year range.

A pedophile is defined as having an interest in children under 13 years of age. Paraphilias are a lifelong condition.

So let's correct this theory. Pedophilia IS NOT a sexual orientation! A person's Sexual Orientation (or sexual identity) is in relation to 'the gender' they are attracted to which is: heterosexual, homosexual, or bisexual, etc. Likewise, an individual's sexual orientation is not and cannot be based on a paraphilia. I will stress this again. Pedophilia IS NOT a sexual orientation or sexual identity. Sexual identity and paraphilias are two completely different elements of sexuality, not one in the same.

If pedophilia was a sexual orientation, all other paraphilias would also be considered sexual orientations. Let me give examples of this.

To elaborate, there are over 500 types of paraphilias documented, probably hundreds more exist. There are only eight paraphilic disorders which are specifically listed in DSM-5. There is an on-going study and debate about which paraphilias qualify to be listed in the DSM-5 (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders). Paraphilias are considered atypical sexual interests. A pattern of atypical, erotic arousal is usually formed before puberty. I could write an article on that alone. The most common paraphilias, ie., paraphilic disorders are pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism, sexual masochism, sexual sadism and transvestism. Often an individual has more than one paraphilic disorder present.

To say pedophilia is a sexual orientation, you would have to say 'exhibitionism, voyeurism, sexual masochism, sexual sadism and transvestism' were also sexual orientations. This is preposterous because 'pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism, sexual masochism, sexual sadism and transvestism' are Not sexual orientations and not sexual disorders. To declare pedophilia or any other paraphilic disorder should be accepted by society as a sexual orientation is ludacris. No legitimate psychiatrist or clinical sexologist would ever give credence to an adult sexually abusing a prepubescent child or any minor child. That is considered non-consensual sex.

Furthermore, individuals of any sexual identity could develop the propensity to acquire the sexual urge for one or more paraphilias. The scholars that dreamed this up are not doing enough research and obviously are not expert authorities in clinical sexology or psychiatry. This fake news or conspiracy theory about pedophilia (pedophiles) will never be accepted by society as normal sexual behavior... because it is not. These uneducated scholars are spreading false information which is clinically dangerous, deceptive, disgusting and distressing to many readers. Pedophiles who act on their paraphilic disorder engage in the sexual abuse of a child under thirteen. This is a sexual crime.

I believe there has been more attention and controversy about this subject lately because of the numerous, news reports about priests over the last few years and more recently, the knowledge of

Boy Scout leaders engaging in pedophilia. We must not forget that the religious right keeps putting a negative spotlight on all non-traditional, sexual orientations and activity including the LGBTQ community. Much controversy and reporting has been fueled by their closed mindedness, bigotry and biblical beliefs.

I was surprised to see those who claim to be scholars on a Ted Talks Show unnecessarily fanning flames on pedophilia. I was taken back they were defying Clinical Sexology and the DSM-5. Their post on Facebook about this false claim unfortunately disturbed many readers. They are completely wrong and unjustified in their thinking and should not have tried to change or dispute sexual, scientific research.

In conclusion, while some can have compassion for and/or an understanding about paraphilic disorders, they must be regarded with proper definition. Pedophilia is classified in the mental health community and in DSM-5 as a sexual disorder, not a sexual identity. No reputable professional will endorse the false claims of these liberal scholars.

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Pedophilic Disorder

Diagnostic Criteria — 302.2 (F65.4)

A. Over a period of at least 6 months, recurrent, intense sexually arousing fantasies, sexual urges, or behaviors involving sexual activity with a prepubescent child or children (generally age 13 years or younger).

B. The individual has acted on these sexual urges, or the sexual urges or fantasies cause marked distress or interpersonal difficulty.

C. The individual is at least age 16 years and at least 5 years older than the child or children in Criterion A.

Note: Do not include an individual in late adolescence involved in an ongoing sexual relationship with a 12- or 13-year-old.

Specify whether:

Exclusive type (attracted only to children)

Nonexclusive type

Specify if:

Sexually attracted to males

Sexually attracted to females

Sexually attracted to both

Specify if:

Limited to incest

Diagnostic Features

The diagnostic criteria for pedophilic disorder are intended to apply both to individuals who freely disclose this paraphilia and to individuals who deny any sexual attraction to prepubertal children (generally age 13 years or younger), despite substantial objective evidence to the contrary. Examples of disclosing this paraphilia include candidly acknowledging an intense sexual interest in children and indicating that sexual interest in children is greater than or equal to sexual interest in physically mature individuals. If individuals also complain that their sexual attractions or preferences for children are causing psychosocial difficulties, they may be diagnosed with pedophilic disorder. However, if they report an absence of feelings of guilt, shame, or anxiety about these impulses and are not functionally limited by their paraphilic impulses (according to self-report, objective assessment, or both), and their self-reported and legally recorded histories indicate that they have never acted on their impulses, then these individuals have a pedophilic sexual orientation but not pedophilic disorder.

Examples of individuals who deny attraction to children include individuals who are

known to have sexually approached multiple children on separate occasions but who deny any urges or fantasies about sexual behavior involving children, and who may further claim that the known episodes of physical contact were all unintentional and nonsexual. Other individuals may acknowledge past episodes of sexual behavior involving children but deny any significant or sustained sexual interest in children. Since these individuals may deny experiences impulses or fantasies involving children, they may also deny feeling subjectively distressed. Such individuals may still be diagnosed with pedophilic disorder despite the absence of self-reported distress, provided that there is evidence of recurrent behaviors persisting for 6 months (Criterion A) and evidence that the individual has acted on sexual urges or experienced interpersonal difficulties as a consequence of the disorder (Criterion B).

Presence of multiple victims, as discussed above, is sufficient but not necessary for diagnosis; that is, the individual can still meet Criterion A by merely acknowledging intense or preferential sexual interest in children.

The Criterion A clause, indicating that the signs or symptoms of pedophilia have persisted for 6 months or longer, is intended to ensure that the sexual attraction to children is not merely transient. However, the diagnosis may be made if there is clinical evidence of sustained persistence of the sexual attraction to children even if the 6-month duration cannot be precisely determined.

Associated Features Supporting Diagnosis

The extensive use of pornography depicting prepubescent children is a useful diagnostic indicator of pedophilic disorder. This is a specific instance of the general case that individuals are likely to choose the kind of pornography that corresponds to their sexual interests.

Prevalence

The population prevalence of pedophilic disorder is unknown. The highest possible prevalence for pedophilic disorder in the male population is approximately 3%–5%. The population prevalence of pedophilic disorder in females is even more uncertain, but it is likely a small fraction of the prevalence in males.

Facts About Homosexuality and Child Molestation

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Members of disliked minority groups are often stereotyped as representing a danger to the majority's most vulnerable members. For example, Jews in the Middle Ages were accused of murdering Christian babies in ritual sacrifices. Black men in the United States were often lynched

after being falsely accused of raping White women.
In a similar fashion, gay people have often been portrayed as a threat to children. Back in 1977, when Anita Bryant campaigned successfully to repeal a Dade County (FL) ordinance prohibiting anti-gay discrimination, she named her organization "Save Our Children," and warned that "a particularly deviant-minded [gay] teacher could sexually molest children" (Bryant, 1977, p. 114).
[*Bibliographic references are on a different web page*]
In recent years, antigay activists have routinely asserted that gay people are child molesters. This argument was often made in debates about the Boy Scouts of America's policy to exclude gay scouts and scoutmasters. More recently, in the wake of Rep. Mark Foley's resignation from the US House of Representatives in 2006, antigay activists and their supporters seized on the scandal to revive this canard.
It has also been raised in connection with scandals about the Catholic church's attempts to cover up the abuse of young males by priests. Indeed, the Vatican's early response to the 2002 revelations of widespread Church cover-ups of sexual abuse by priests was to declare that gay men should not be ordained.

Public belief in the stereotype

The number of Americans who believe the myth that gay people are child molesters has declined substantially. In a 1970 national survey, more than 70% of respondents agreed with the assertions that "Homosexuals are dangerous as teachers or youth leaders because they try to get sexually involved with children" or that "Homosexuals try to play sexually with children if they cannot get an adult partner."1
By contrast, in a 1999 national poll, the belief that most gay men are likely to molest or abuse children was endorsed by only 19% of heterosexual men and 10% of heterosexual women. Even fewer – 9% of men and 6% of women – regarded most lesbians as child molesters.
Consistent with these findings, Gallup polls have found that an increasing number of Americans would allow gay people to be elementary school teachers. For example, the proportion was 54% in 2005, compared to 27% in 1977.

Examining the Research

Even though most Americans don't regard gay people as child molesters, confusion remains widespread in this area. To understand the facts, it is important to examine the results of scientific research. However, when we evaluate research on child molestation, our task is complicated by several problems.

One problem is that none of the studies in this area have obtained data from a probability sample, that is, a sample that can be assumed to be representative of the population of all child molesters. Rather, most research has been conducted only with convicted perpetrators or with pedophiles who sought professional help. Consequently, they may not accurately describe child molesters who have never been caught or have not sought treatment.

Terminology

A second problem is that the terminology used in this area is often confusing and can even be misleading. We can begin to address that problem by defining some basic terms.
Pedophilia and *child molestation* are used in different ways, even by professionals. Pedophilia usually refers to an adult psychological disorder characterized by a preference for prepubescent children as sexual partners; this preference may or may not be acted upon. The term *hebephilia* is sometimes used to describe adult sexual attractions to adolescents or children who have reached puberty.
Whereas pedophilia and hebephilia refer to psychological propensities, child molestation and *child sexual abuse* are used to describe actual sexual contact between an adult and someone who has not reached the legal age of consent. In this context, the latter individual is referred to as a *child*, even though he or she may be a teenager.
Although the terms are not always applied consistently, it is useful to distinguish between pedophiles/hebephiles and child molesters/abusers. Pedophilia and hebephilia are diagnostic labels that refer to psychological attractions. Not all pedophiles and hebephiles actually molest children; an adult can be attracted to children or adolescents without ever actually engaging in sexual contact with them.
Child molestation and child sexual abuse refer to actions, and don't imply a particular psychological makeup or motive on the part of the perpetrator. Not all incidents of child sexual abuse are perpetrated by pedophiles or hebephiles; in some cases, the perpetrator has other motives for his or her actions and does not manifest an ongoing pattern of sexual attraction to children.
Thus, not all child sexual abuse is perpetrated by pedophiles (or hebephiles) and not all pedophiles and hebephiles actually commit abuse. Consequently, it is important to use terminology carefully.
Another problem related to terminology arises because sexual abuse of male children by adult men[2] is often referred to as "homosexual molestation." The adjective "homosexual" (or "heterosexual" when a man abuses a female child) refers to the victim's gender in relation to that of the perpetrator. Unfortunately, people sometimes mistakenly interpret it as referring to the perpetrator's sexual orientation.
As an expert panel of researchers convened by the National Academy of Sciences noted in a 1993 report: "The distinction between homosexual and heterosexual child molesters relies on the premise that male molesters of male victims are homosexual in orientation. Most molesters of boys do not

report sexual interest in adult men, however" (National Research Council, 1993, p. 143, citation omitted).

To avoid this confusion, it is preferable to refer to men's sexual abuse of boys with the more accurate label of *male-male*molestation. Similarly, it is preferable to refer to men's abuse of girls as *male-female* molestation. These labels are more accurate because they describe the sex of the individuals involved but don't implicitly convey unwarranted assumptions about the perpetrator's sexual orientation.

Typologies of Offenders

The distinction between a victim's gender and a perpetrator's sexual orientation is important because many child molesters don't really have an adult sexual orientation. They have never developed the capacity for mature sexual relationships with other adults, either men or women. Instead, their sexual attractions focus on children – boys, girls, or children of both sexes.

Over the years, this fact has been incorporated into various systems for categorizing child molesters. For example, Finkelhor and Araji (1986) proposed that perpetrators' sexual attractions should be conceptualized as ranging along a continuum – from exclusive interest in children at one extreme, to exclusive interest in adult partners at the other end.

Typologies of offenders have often included a distinction between those with an enduring primary preference for children as sexual partners and those who have established age-appropriate relationships but become sexually involved with children under unusual circumstances of extreme stress. Perpetrators in the first category – those with a more or less exclusive interest in children – have been labeled *fixated*. Fixation means "a temporary or permanent arrestment of psychological maturation resulting from unresolved formative issues which persist and underlie the organization of subsequent phases of development" (Groth & Birnbaum, 1978, p. 176). Many clinicians view fixated offenders as being "stuck" at an early stage of psychological development.

By contrast, other molesters are described as *regressed*. Regression is "a temporary or permanent appearance of primitive behavior after more mature forms of expression had been attained, regardless of whether the immature behavior was actually manifested earlier in the individual's development" (Groth & Birnbaum, 1978, p. 177). Regressed offenders have developed an adult sexual orientation but under certain conditions (such as extreme stress) they return to an earlier, less mature psychological state and engage in sexual contact with children.

Some typologies of child molesters divide the fixation-regression distinction into multiple categories, and some include additional categories as well (e.g., Knight, 1989).

For the present discussion, the important point is that many child molesters cannot be meaningfully described as homosexuals, heterosexuals, or bisexuals (in the usual sense of those terms) because they are not really capable of a relationship with an adult man or woman. Instead of gender, their

sexual attractions are based primarily on *age*. These individuals – who are often characterized as fixated – are attracted to children, not to men or women.
Using the fixated-regressed distinction, Groth and Birnbaum (1978) studied 175 adult males who were convicted in Massachusetts of sexual assault against a child. None of the men had an exclusively homosexual adult sexual orientation. 83 (47%) were classified as "fixated;" 70 others (40%) were classified as regressed adult heterosexuals; the remaining 22 (13%) were classified as regressed adult bisexuals. Of the last group, Groth and Birnbaum observed that "in their adult relationships they engaged in sex on occasion with men as well as with women. However, in no case did this attraction to men *exceed* their preference for women....There were no men who were primarily sexually attracted to other adult males..." (p.180).

Other Approaches

Other researchers have taken different approaches, but have similarly failed to find a connection between homosexuality and child molestation. Dr. Carole Jenny and her colleagues reviewed 352 medical charts, representing all of the sexually abused children seen in the emergency room or child abuse clinic of a Denver children's hospital during a one-year period (from July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1992). The molester was a gay or lesbian adult in fewer than 1% of cases in which an adult molester could be identified – only 2 of the 269 cases (Jenny et al., 1994).
In yet another approach to studying adult sexual attraction to children, some Canadian researchers observed how homosexual and heterosexual adult men responded to slides of males and females of various ages (child, pubescent, and mature adult). All of the research subjects were first screened to ensure that they preferred physically mature sexual partners. In some of the slides shown to subjects, the model was clothed; in others, he or she was nude. The slides were accompanied by audio recordings. The recordings paired with the nude models described an imaginary sexual interaction between the model and the subject. The recordings paired with the pictures of clothed models described the model engaging in neutral activities (e.g., swimming). To measure sexual arousal, changes in the subjects' penis volume were monitored while they watched the slides and listened to the audiotapes. The researchers found that homosexual males responded no more to male children than heterosexual males responded to female children (Freund et al., 1989).
In summary, each of these studies failed to support the hypothesis that homosexual males are more likely than heterosexual men to molest children or to be sexually attracted to children or adolescents.

The Mainstream View

Reflecting the results of these and other studies, as well as clinical experience, the mainstream view among researchers and professionals who work in the area of child sexual abuse is that homosexual and bisexual men do not pose any special threat to children. For example, in one review of the scientific literature, noted authority Dr. A. Nicholas Groth wrote:

Are homosexual adults in general sexually attracted to children and are preadolescent children at greater risk of molestation from homosexual adults than from heterosexual adults? There is no reason to believe so. The research to date all points to there being no significant relationship between a homosexual lifestyle and child molestation. There appears to be practically no reportage of sexual molestation of girls by lesbian adults, and the adult male who sexually molests young boys is not likely to be homosexual(Groth & Gary, 1982, p. 147).

In a later literature review, Dr. Nathaniel McConaghy (1998) similarly cautioned against confusing homosexuality with pedophilia. He noted, "The man who offends against prepubertal or immediately postpubertal boys is typically not sexually interested in older men or in women" (p. 259).

This well known lack of a linkage between homosexuality and child molestation accounts for why relatively little research has directly addressed the issue. For example, a 1998 comprehensive review of published empirical research on the sexual abuse of boys reported only one study (the 1994 study by Jenny and colleagues, cited above) that included data about the self-reported sexual orientation of perpetrators (Holmes & Slap, 1998).

Proving something that is already widely known simply isn't a priority for scientists. Indeed, a commentary that accompanied publication of the study by Jenny et al. in *Pediatrics* noted that debates about gay people as molesters "have little to do with everyday child abuse" and lamented that they distract lawmakers and the public from dealing with the real problem of children's sexual mistreatment (Krugman, 1994).

Other
Sexual Abuse

In scandals involving the Catholic church, the victims of sexual abuse were often adolescent boys rather than small children. Similarly, the 2006 congressional page scandal involved males who were at least 16 years old.

These are cases in which the term *pedophilia* – referring as it does to attractions to prepubescent children – can cause confusion. Rather than pedophilia, the accusations stemming from these scandals raised the question of whether gay people shouldn't be trusted in positions of authority where there is any opportunity for sexually harassing or abusing others.

Here again, there is no inherent connection between an adult's sexual orientation and her or his propensity for endangering others. Scientific research provides no evidence that homosexual people are less likely than heterosexuals to exercise good judgment and appropriate discretion in their employment settings. There are no data, for example, showing that gay men and lesbians are

more likely than heterosexual men and women to sexually harass their subordinates in the workplace. Data from studies using a variety of psychological measures do not indicate that gay people are more likely than heterosexuals to possess any psychological characteristics that would make them less capable of controlling their sexual urges, refraining from the abuse of power, obeying rules and laws, interacting effectively with others, or exercising good judgment in handling authority. As explained elsewhere on this site, sexual orientation is *not* a mental illness nor is it inherently associated with impaired psychological functioning.

Gay men and lesbians function effectively in a wide variety of employment settings. The research literature doesn't reveal any differences between heterosexuals, bisexuals, and homosexuals in job performance or ability to properly exercise authority in supervisory roles. As indicated by workplace policies around the United States, a large and growing number of private and public employers do not perceive a problem with hiring gay and bisexual people as employees or managers. Many corporations, educational institutions, and local governments have adopted policies that prohibit discrimination against employees on the basis of sexual orientation. Many of those organizations provide benefits such as health insurance for employees' same-sex partners. Indeed, one widely cited reason for offering such benefits is that they enable a company to remain competitive by attracting high quality employees who happen to be gay, lesbian, or bisexual.

Thus, there is no factual basis for organizations to avoid hiring homosexual or bisexual people, simply on the basis of their sexual orientation, for positions that involve responsibility for or supervision of others, whether children, adolescents, or adults.

What About Claims That Scientific Research Proves Gay Men Are Likely To Molest Children?

Some conservative groups have argued that scientific research strongly supports their claims that homosexuality and pedophilia are linked. The Family Research Council has produced what is perhaps the most extensive attempt to document this claim. It is an article by Timothy J. Dailey titled *Homosexuality and Child Abuse*.

With 76 footnotes, many of them referring to papers in scientific journals, it appears at first glance to be a thorough and scholarly discussion of the issue. On further examination, however, its central argument – that "the evidence indicates that homosexual men molest boys at rates grossly disproportionate to the rates at which heterosexual men molest girls" – doesn't hold up.

In the following section, the main sources cited by Dailey and the FRC to support their claim are reviewed. The papers are listed in the same order in which they are first cited by the FRC article.

1 **Freund et al. (1989). Heterosexuality, homosexuality, and erotic age preference. *Journal of Sex Research, 26*, 107-117.** This article is discussed above in the "Other Approaches" section. As the FRC concedes, it contradicts their argument. The abstract summarizes the authors' conclusion: "Findings indicate that homosexual males who preferred mature partners responded no more to male children than heterosexual males who preferred mature partners responded to female children."

2 **Silverthorne & Quinsey. (2000). Sexual partner age preferences of homosexual and heterosexual men and women. *Archives of Sexual Behavior, 29*, 67-76.**The FRC cites this study to challenge the Freund et al. data (see the previous paper above). However, the methodologies were quite different. Freund and his colleagues used a sample that included sex offenders and they assessed sexual arousal with a physiological measure similar to that described below for the 1988 Marshall et al. study. Silverthorne and Quinsey used a sample of community volunteers who were asked to view pictures of human faces and use a 7-point scale to rate their sexual attractiveness. The apparent ages of the people portrayed in the pictures was originally estimated by Dr. Silverthorne to range from 15 to 50. However, a group of independent raters perceived the male faces to range in age from 18 to 58, and the female faces to range from 19 to 60.

The article doesn't report the data in great detail (e.g., average ratings are depicted only in a graphic; the actual numbers aren't reported) and the authors provide contradictory information about the rating scale (they describe it as a 7-point scale but also say it ranged from 0 to 7, which constitutes an 8-point scale). In either case, it appears that none of the pictures was rated as "very sexually attractive" (a rating of 7). Rather, the highest average ratings were approximately 5.

On average, gay men rated the 18-year old male faces the most attractive (average rating = about 5), with attractiveness ratings declining steadily for older faces. They rated the 58-year old male faces 2, on average. By contrast, heterosexual men rated the 25-year old female faces the most attractive (about 5), with the 18- and 28-year old female faces rated lower (between 2 and 3) and the 60-year old female faces rated the least attractive (about 1).

A serious problem with this study is that the researchers didn't control for the possibility that some of the faces pictured in the photos might simply have been more or less physically attractive than the others, independent of their age or gender. The researchers explicitly acknowledged this shortcoming, speculating that the women's faces in the 25-year old group might have been more attractive than women's faces in the other age groups. But they didn't address the possibility that the attractiveness of the male and female faces may not have been comparable.

This issue could have been addressed in various ways. For example, prior to collecting data, the researchers could have started with a large number of photographs and asked a group of independent raters to evaluate the general physical attractiveness of the face in each photo; these ratings could have been used to select photos for the experiment that were equivalent in attractiveness. Getting independent ratings of experimental stimuli in this way is a common procedure in social psychological research.

Thus, even if one accepts the questionable assumption that this study is relevant, it doesn't support the FRC's contention that gay men are more likely than heterosexual men to be child molesters for several reasons:

- the researchers failed to control for the varying attractiveness of the different photos;
- all of the faces portrayed in the photos were perceived to be at least 18; and

- the study merely assessed judgments of sexual attractiveness rather than the research participants' sexual arousal.

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4 **Blanchard et al. (2000). Fraternal birth order and sexual orientation in pedophiles. *Archives of Sexual Behavior, 29*, 463-478.** This study categorized convicted sex offenders according to whether they molested or reported sexual attraction to boys only, girls only, or both boys and girls. These groups were labeled, respectively, homosexual pedophiles, heterosexual pedophiles, and bisexual pedophiles. This classification referred to their attractions to children. Adult sexual orientation (or even whether the men had an adult sexual orientation) wasn't assessed.

5 **Elliott et al. (1995). Child sexual abuse prevention: What offenders tell us. *Child Abuse & Neglect, 19*, 579-594.** In this study, child sex offenders were interviewed. Their sexual orientation (gay, heterosexual, bisexual) wasn't assessed. The authors drew from their findings to suggest strategies for how parents and children can prevent sexual victimization. It is noteworthy that none of those strategies involved avoiding gay men.

6 **Jenny et al. (1994). Are children at risk for sexual abuse by homosexuals? *Pediatrics, 94*, 41-44.** This study, described above in the section on "Other Approaches," contradicts the FRC's argument. The FRC faults the study because the researchers didn't directly interview perpetrators but instead relied on the victims' medical charts for information about the offender's sexual orientation. However, other studies cited favorably by the FRC (and summarized in this section) similarly relied on chart data (Erickson et al., 1988) or did not directly assess the sexual orientation of perpetrators (Blanchard et al. 2000; Elliott et al. 1995; Marshall et al., 1988). Thus, the FRC apparently considers this method a weakness only when it leads to results they dislike.

7 **Marshall et al. (1988). Sexual offenders against male children: Sexual preference. *Behaviour Research and Therapy, 26*, 383-391.** In this study, the researchers compared 21 men who had sexually molested a male under 16 years (and at least 5 years younger than themselves) to 18 unemployed men who were not known to have molested a child. Over a series of sessions, each man watched color slides of nude males and females of various ages and listened to audiotaped descriptions of both coercive and consensual sexual interactions between a man and a boy. During the sessions, each man sat in a private booth, where he was instructed to lower his trousers and underwear and attach a rubber tube to his penis. The tube detected any changes in penis circumference, with increases interpreted as indicating sexual arousal.

The FRC cites this study as showing that "a homosexual and a heterosexual subgroup can be delineated among these offenders." This is true but hardly relevant to their claims.

The researchers categorized 7 offenders who were more aroused overall by the male nudes than the female nudes as the homosexual subgroup. They categorized 14 offenders who were more aroused

overall by the female nudes as the heterosexual subgroup. The offenders were not asked their sexual orientation (gay, straight, bisexual) and the paper does not report any information about the nature of the offenders' adult sexual relationships, or even if they had any such relationships.

8 **Bickley & Beech. (2001). Classifying child abusers: Its relevance to theory and clinical practice. *International Journal Of Offender Therapy And Comparative Criminology, 45*, 51-69.**This is a literature review and theoretical paper that discusses the strengths and weaknesses of various systems for classifying child molesters. In citing this study, the FRC says it:
refers to homosexual pedophiles as a "distinct group." The victims of homosexual pedophiles "were more likely to be strangers, that they were more likely to have engaged in paraphiliac behavior separate from that involved in the offence, and that they were more likely to have past convictions for sexual offences.... Other studies [showed a] greater risk of reoffending than those who had offended against girls" and that the "recidivism rate for male-victim offenders is approximately twice that for female-victim offenders."
In reality, however, the paper was summarizing the findings of other studies, not reporting new data. In the passage excerpted by the FRC, the authors were discussing published papers that used a classification system focusing entirely on the sex of victims (not whether the perpetrator is straight or gay). Here is the complete text (the passages that FRC omitted are highlighted):
"Grubin and Kennedy (1991) reported that when dividing sex offenders based simply on the sex of their victims, offenders against boys stood out as a distinct group. **They noted that their victims** were more likely to be strangers, that they were more likely to have engaged in paraphiliac behavior separate from that involved in the offence, and they were more likely to have past convictions for sexual offences. Other studies **have employed the sex-of-victim approach in the prediction of future risk, with offenders who have sexually abused boys or both boys and girls reported as having more victims and being at** greater risk of reoffending than those who had offended against girls only *[bibliographic references omitted]*. **In the nondiagnostic remarks, DSM-IV (APA, 1994) claims that the** recidivism rate for male-victim offenders is approximately twice that for female-victim offenders, **and although not demonstrating such a marked difference, Furby, Weinrott, and Blackshaw (1989), in an extensive review of recidivism rates, found that reoffending was higher for male victim offenders. [¶] However, the sex-of-victim distinction has not been consistently found, and contrasting findings have been reported in studies that have demonstrated no differences in recidivism rates between the groups *[bibliographic references omitted]*. Furthermore, Abel, Becker, Murphy, and Flanagan (1981) found that those child molesters who offended against girls reported more than twice as many victims as those who had offended against boys, a finding contrary to the hypothesized outcome.**" (p. 56)

9 **Jay & Young. (1977). *The gay report: Lesbians and gay men speak out about sexual experiences and lifestyles*. New York: Summit.**This book, published more than 30 years ago by a

team of writer-activists, is not a scientific study. The authors' survey methodology is not reported in detail and, because it was a journalistic work, the survey was never subjected to scientific peer review.

10 **Erickson et al. (1988). Behavior patterns of child molesters. *Archives of Sexual Behavior, 17*, 77-86.** This study was based on a retrospective review of the medical records of male sex offenders admitted to the Minnesota Security Hospital between 1975 and 1984. Apparently, 70% of the men abused girls, 26% abused boys, and 4% abused children of both sexes. (The paper is unclear in that it doesn't explain how perpetrators with multiple victims were counted.) The paper asserts in passing that "Eighty-six percent of offenders against males described themselves as homosexual or bisexual" (p. 83). However, no details are provided about how this information was ascertained, making it difficult to interpret or evaluate. Nor did the authors report the number of homosexual versus bisexual offenders, a distinction that the Groth and Birnbaum study (described above) indicates is relevant.

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In summary, the scientific sources cited by the FRC report do not support their argument. Most of the studies they referenced did not even assess the sexual orientation of abusers. Two studies explicitly concluded that sexual orientation and child molestation are unrelated. Notably, the FRC failed to cite the 1978 study by Groth and Birnbaum, which also contradicted their argument. Only one study (Erickson et al., 1988) might be interpreted as supporting the FRC argument, and it failed to detail its measurement procedures and did not differentiate bisexual from homosexual offenders.

Do Any Studies Claim To Show That Homosexuals Are More Likely To Molest Children?

One individual has claimed to have data that prove homosexuals to be child molesters at a higher rate than heterosexuals. That person is Paul Cameron. As detailed elsewhere on this site, Cameron's survey data are subject to so many methodological flaws as to be virtually meaningless. Even so, his assertions are sometimes quoted by antigay organizations in their attempts to link homosexuality with child sexual abuse.

In a 1985 article published in *Psychological Reports*, Cameron purported to review published data to answer the question, "Do those who commit homosexual acts disproportionately incorporate children into their sexual practices?" (p. 1227). He concluded that "at least one-third of the sexual attacks upon youth are homosexual" (p. 1228) and that "those who are bi- to homosexual are proportionately much more apt to molest youth" than are heterosexuals (p. 1231).

Cameron's claims hinge on the fallacious assumption that all male-male molestations are committed by homosexuals. Moreover, a careful reading of Cameron's paper reveals several false statements about the literature he claimed to have reviewed.

For example, he cited the Groth and Birnbaum (1978) study mentioned previously as evidencing a 3:2 ratio of "heterosexual" (i.e., female victim) to "homosexual" (i.e., male victim) molestations, and

he noted that "54% of all the molestations in this study were performed by bisexual or homosexual practitioners" (p. 1231). However, Groth and Birnbaum reported that *none* of the men in their sample had an exclusively homosexual adult sexual orientation, and that *none*of the 22 bisexual men were more attracted to adult males than to adult females. The "54%" statistic reported by Cameron doesn't appear anywhere in the Groth and Birnbaum (1978) article, nor does Cameron explain its derivation.

It is also noteworthy that, although Cameron assumed that the perpetrators of male-male molestations were all homosexual, he assumed that not all male-female molestations were committed by heterosexuals. He incorporated a "bisexual correction" into his data manipulations to increase further his estimate of the risk posed to children by homosexual/bisexual men.

In the latter half of his paper, Cameron considered whether "homosexual teachers have more frequent sexual interaction with their pupils" (p. 1231). Based on 30 instances of sexual contact between a teacher and pupil reported in ten different sources published between 1920 and 1982, Cameron concluded that "a pupil would appear about 90 times more likely to be sexually assaulted by a homosexual practitioner" (p.1232); the ratio rose to 100 times when Cameron added his bisexual correction.

This ratio is meaningless because no data were obtained concerning the actual sexual orientation of the teachers involved; as before, Cameron assumed that male-male contacts were perpetrated by homosexuals. Furthermore, Cameron's rationale for selecting particular sources appears to have been completely arbitrary. He described no systematic method for reviewing the literature, and apparently never reviewed the voluminous literature on the sexual development of children and adolescents. His final choice of sources appears to have slanted his findings toward what Cameron described as "the relative absence in the scientific literature of heterosexual teacher-pupil sexual events coupled with persistent, albeit infrequent, homosexual teacher-pupil sexual interactions" (p. 1232).

A subsequent paper by Cameron and others (Cameron, Proctor, Coburn, Forde, Larson, & Cameron, 1986) described data collected in a door-to-door survey in seven U.S. cities and towns, and generally repeated the conclusions reached in Cameron (1985). Even Cameron himself admitted that his conclusions in this study are "based upon small numbers of data points" (Cameron, 2005, p. 230). As before, male-male sexual assaults were referred to as "homosexual" molestations (e.g., Abstract, p.327) and the perpetrators' sexual orientation apparently was not assessed. This study also suffers from fatal methodological problems, which are detailed elsewhere on this site.

In yet another article published in *Psychological Reports*, Cameron claimed to have reviewed data about sexual abuse by foster parents in Illinois and found that 34% of the perpetrators had abused a foster child of their own sex, that is, female-female or male-male abuse (Cameron, 2005). Not only did Cameron again make the fallacious claim that all male-male molestations are committed by homosexuals, he also made the same claim about female-female molestations. Once again, he had no data about the actual sexual orientations of the molesters.

Cameron continues to produce reports that essentially repeat the same inaccurate claims. Perhaps one of the best indicators of his diminished credibility in this area is that his work was not even cited in the 2004 FRC report discussed in detail above.

Conclusion

The empirical research does *not* show that gay or bisexual men are any more likely than heterosexual men to molest children. This is not to argue that homosexual and bisexual men never molest children. But there is no scientific basis for asserting that they are more likely than heterosexual men to do so. And, as explained above, many child molesters cannot be characterized as having an adult sexual orientation at all; they are fixated on children.

Notes

The survey was conducted under the auspices of the Kinsey Institute (Klassen, Williams, & Levitt, 1989). (return to text)

Is Pedophilia Next? | Ask Dr. Brown

Posted Sep 23, 2015 by Michael L. Brown

A shocking article posted on the salon.com website has many people asking, "Now that we have embraced homosexuality, is pedophilia next?"

The article, written by Todd Nickerson, was titled "I'm a pedophile, but not a monster," with the subtitle reading, "I'm attracted to children but unwilling to act on it. Before judging me harshly, would you be willing to listen?"

Nickerson even points to a website called Virtuous Pedophiles which states, "The goals of our organization are to reduce the stigma attached to pedophilia by letting people know that a substantial number of pedophiles do not molest children, and to provide peer support and information about available resources to help pedophiles lead happy, productive lives. Our highest priority is to help pedophiles never abuse children. We hope you will explore our website with an open mind."

What are we to make of this? And how does this tie in with gay activism?

As I pointed out in 2011, we shouldn't be surprised with the push for the acceptance of pedophilia, meaning both sympathy for the pedophile, who would doubtless say, "I didn't choose this. I'm born this way and cannot change," and recognition that "intergenerational intimacy" can often be consensual and beneficial—as disgusting as it is even to write those words.

I pointed out then that some psychiatric leaders who were instrumental in removing homosexuality from the American Psychiatric Association's list of mental disorders in 1973 have been fighting to remove pedophilia as a disorder as well, not to justify the abuse of children but rather to say that being sexually attracted to children is not a mental disorder.

Also in 2011, in my book A Queer Thing Happened to America, I documented in painstaking (and painful) detail that the principle arguments used to normalize homosexuality were virtually identical to the arguments used to normalize pedophilia. (To be totally clear, I am not comparing the rape of a child by an adult with a sexual act committed by two men or two women; I am comparing the arguments used by pederast activists and gay activists to gain social acceptance.)
Consider these eight arguments, all of which (in modified form) are commonly used in support of homosexual practice. Simply substitute the words and terms, and you'll see how real the parallels are.

1. Pedophilia is innate and immutable; people are born this way and cannot change.
2. Pederasty is richly attested in many different cultures throughout history.
3. The claim that adult-child sexual relationships cause harm is greatly overstated and often completely inaccurate.
4. Consensual adult-child sex can actually be beneficial to the child.
5. Pederasty should not be classified as a mental disorder, since it does not cause distress to the pederast to have these desires and since the pederast can function as a normal, contributing member of society.
6. Many of the illustrious homosexuals of the past were actually pedophiles.
7. People are against intergenerational intimacy because of antiquated social standards and puritanical sexual phobias.
8. This is all about love and equality and liberation.

To help flesh this out, let's picture a gay man making his case to a straight man:

1. My homosexuality is not a sexual preference but a sexual orientation, just as much as your heterosexuality is not a sexual preference but a sexual orientation.
2. My homosexuality is just as normal as your heterosexuality.
3. Since my behavior is genetically determined and is not a choice, it is intolerant and hateful to suggest that it is wrong. And to call my sexual behavior illegal or immoral, or to refuse to legitimize same-sex relationships, is to be a moral bigot of the highest order.
4. I deeply resent your attempts to identify areas of my upbringing and environment as alleged causes for my homosexuality.
5. I categorically reject the myth that someone can change his or her sexual orientation. Rather, such statements only add to the anguish and suffering of gays and lesbians, and attempts to change us often lead to catastrophic consequences, including depression and suicide.

Now, let's turn this around and have a pederast making his case to a gay man, substituting the words accordingly (thus, "My pederasty is not a sexual preference but a sexual orientation, just as much as your homosexuality is not a sexual preference but a sexual orientation.") The parallels are

undeniable (again, not referring to the acts but to the arguments.)
To be sure, Nickerson is absolutely not arguing for the rightness of adult-child sex, calling instead for sympathy toward those who find themselves unavoidably attracted to children but refuse to act on it.
But if we accept his argument—and there is an increasing number of researchers who believe that pedophilia is innate and immutable—then the whole "born that way" argument used by gay activists goes out the window.
After all, if it's wrong to justify pedophilia because some people are allegedly born that way, then it's wrong to justify homosexuality because some people are allegedly born that way.
You might say, "That's nonsense. We're talking about two adults in a loving consensual relationship, and you can't possibly compare that to a sexual or romantic relationship between an adult and a child."
But that only proves my point, since the "born that way" argument adds nothing to the equation at all, and allegedly being born with a certain propensity does not that make propensity right.
Of course, there are famous gay activists like Larry Kramer and Allen Ginsburg who sang the praises of adult-child (or, young-teen) relationships, some of them even saying that being sexually abused as children was very positive in their own lives (again, as sickening as this is, I document it in the Queer Thing book).
In the end, though, the simple point is this: If gay activists do not want to justify pedophilia because people are allegedly born that way and can't change, then they'll have to throw out the same argument when it comes to homosexual practice, which greatly undermines one of the pillars of gay activism.
You can't have it both ways. Either "born that way" determines morality or it does not—and clearly, it does not.
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Did a TEDx Speaker Say Pedophilia Is an ‘Unchangeable Sexual Orientation’?

A TEDx talk broadcast from Germany prompted widespread controversy over the speaker's comments about the nature of pedophilia.

On 5 May 2018, the University of Würzburg in Germany held an event with the theme of "Future Societys" [sic] that featured Mirjam Heine, a medical student who gave what would become a controversial presentation on the subject of "Why our perception of pedophilia has to change."

In her talk, Heine told the story of a 19-year-old Jonas, a Munich law student who is sexually attracted to girls aged six to 12 years old. "But since he's aware of the consequences for the children, he has never given in to his sexual drive." She cited the tenth revision of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD 10) for the description of pedophilia as the "sexual preference for preadolescent children" and pointed to unspecified research that differentiates between child sexual abusers and pedophiles.

Heine's most controversial comments rocketed across the Internet when websites ran reports of them under headlines such as "TEDx Speaker: Pedophilia Is an Unchangeable Orientation," which led some viewers to believe Heine had condoned "an illegal and harmful practice." Although Heine did make a comment about pedophilia's being an "unchangeable sexual orientation," it was offered in a fuller context which we've transcribed here:

Let me very clear here. Abusing children is wrong without any doubt. But a pedophile who doesn't abuse children has done nothing wrong. I want to quickly summarize where we are at the moment. **According to current research, pedophilia is an unchangeable sexual orientation, just like for example heterosexuality. No one chooses to be a pedophile. No one can cease being one. The difference between pedophilia and other sexual orientations is that living out this sexual orientation will end in a disaster.**

Pedophilia is not defined by the American Psychiatric Association (APA) as a sexual orientation: it is classified as a disorder in the fifth and most current revision of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM 5). Discussions that attempt to equate pedophilia with sexual orientation have been contentious, primarily because of the false belief that members of the LGBT community are predisposed to child molestation. Those who argue against civil rights for the LGBT community often cast those rights as a slippery slope to legalizing child sexual abuse or bestiality.

TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) did not deny the controversial talk took place, but they noted in a 20 June 2018 statement that TEDx talks are "are organized independently from the main annual TED conference" and that the video had been removed at Heine's request because "she had

serious concerns about her own safety in its wake" and Heine cited "research in ways that are open to serious misinterpretation":

In the TEDx talk, a speaker described pedophilia as a condition some people are born with, and suggested that if we recognize it as such, we can do more to prevent those people from acting on their instincts.

TEDx events are organized independently from the main annual TED conference, with some 3,500 events held every year in more than 100 countries. Our nonprofit TED organization does not control TEDx events' content.

This talk and its removal was recently brought to our attention. After reviewing the talk, we believe it cites research in ways that are open to serious misinterpretation. This led some viewers to interpret the talk as an argument in favor of an illegal and harmful practice.

Furthermore, after contacting the organizer to understand why it had been taken down, we learned that the speaker herself requested it be removed from the internet because she had serious concerns about her own safety in its wake.

Our policy is and always has been to remove speakers' talks when they request we do so. That is why we support this TEDx organizer's decision to respect this speaker's wishes and keep the talk offline.

In mid-July 2018, several websites were taken in by a viral hoax that reported pedophiles or "minor-attracted person" (MAPs) were attempting to join the LGBT community and had created their own Pride flag. The flag had in fact been created as part of a troll "experiment" on Tumblr.

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Acceptance of Sexual Interest in Minors in Self-Referred Individuals Under Treatment – An

Exploratory Pilot Study
Some therapists/scientists argue that “acceptance” of sexual interest in minors (SIM), i.e., the integration of the sexual preference into the individual self-concept, is a prerequisite for dealing with SIM in a responsible way. However, if one assumes that – even in some persons – SIM might change over time, “acceptance” could also run counter to therapeutic targets because the motivation to change as well as the specific self-efficacy for modifying SIM might be reduced. This exploratory pilot study analyzes the relationship between acceptance of SIM and (1) dynamic risk for contact sexual reoffending, (2) SIM and frequency of the use of child/adolescent (sexual abuse) imagery, (3) frequency of sexual desire/behavior toward children/adolescents, and (4) the change of the level of acceptance of SIM during the course of treatment. The majority of the participants (*N* = 79) was not exclusively interested in children (85%) and used child pornography but did not commit child sexual abuse (54%). Acceptance of SIM, frequency of the use of child/adolescent (sexual abuse) imagery and frequency of sexual desire/behavior toward children/adolescents are assessed via self-report questionnaires, dynamic risk for contact sexual reoffending is measured by STABLE-2007. Pretreatment data are analyzed via Spearman’s correlation (*N* = 79). Intragroup analysis compares acceptance of SIM from pre- and posttreatment (*n*= 35). There was no correlation between acceptance of SIM and dynamic risk for contact sexual reoffending. However, there was a medium, positive correlation between acceptance of SIM and the frequency of the use of legal imagery of children, a positive correlation between the item “My inclination is an integral part of my personality” and the frequency of the use of legal imagery of children, and a positive correlation between acceptance of SIM and the frequency of sexual activities with minors. Acceptance of SIM did not change during the course of treatment. The results suggest that “acceptance” of SIM has to be discussed in a differentiated way, i.e., as possibly being associated with positive and negative outcomes as well.

Introduction

Findings from an online survey with 8,718 German males indicate that 4.1% have sexual fantasies about children and that 3.2% have offended against prepubescent children. But only 0.1% reported a pedophilic sexual preference (Dombert et al., 2016). The sites of the German network “Kein Täter werden” (means: not become an offender) offer treatment for people seeking therapeutic help because of sexual interest in minors (SIM) and distress or a risk of sexual (re-)offending (Netzwerk “Kein Täter werden”, 2018). It is a formal requirement in this network that individuals who receive treatment are currently not in contact with the criminal justice system.

The construct “acceptance,” as it is understood in this exploratory pilot study, means that sexual preference is accepted as a “stable and therefore constantly challenging part of the own personality” which, being “fate rather than choice,” “cannot be changed by any treatment” (Institute for Sexology and Sexual Medicine of the Charité, 2013, pp. 65–66). Going further, it means “the recognition of reality [...], one’s way of easing the pain, when realizing that things are unchangeable

[…] [, and] abandonment of the wish to change given reality" (Institute for Sexology and Sexual Medicine of the Charité, 2013, p. 67). Thus, it goes along with an ego syntonic concept of sexual preference which allows therapy right away to focus on aspects other than sexual preference (Institute for Sexology and Sexual Medicine of the Charité, 2013).

Some therapists and scientists argue that "acceptance" of pedophilic interest is needed for individuals with sexual interest in minors (SIM) for dealing in a responsible way with their sexual interest and thus preventing sexual abuse (Ahlers et al., 2008; Institute for Sexology and Sexual Medicine of the Charité, 2013). Other therapists and scientists, however, argue that – even in some persons, and maybe more often in men with non-exclusive pedophilia (Tozdan and Briken, 2019) – SIM might change over time and that "acceptance" might run counter to prevention goals because motivation to change as well the specific self-efficacy for modifying sexual interest in children may be reduced by it (Tozdan and Briken, 2015a; Fedoroff, 2020).

Seto (2012) argues that sexual orientation is characterized by an age of onset before the beginning of puberty and by stability over time, and that pedophilia is similar in these respects. He refers to findings on identified and self-identified child sexual abuse offenders with pedophilia of whom a considerable proportion report an age of onset of sexual interest in children before adulthood (e.g., Li, 1991; Marshall et al., 1991; Freund and Kuban, 1993). Furthermore, he cites studies which suggest that pedophilia is predictive for future sexual behavior involving children even one to three decades later (Hanson et al., 1993), and that treatment-related decrease of sexual arousal related to children does not reduce recidivism rates (Rice et al., 1991), i.e., does not persist (Seto, 2012). Due to these findings, he makes the case for "conceptualizing pedophilia as a type of sexual orientation in males" (Seto, 2012, p. 231). Cantor (2018) also takes the position that pedophilia is immutable. He claims that lines of indirect evidence referring to the following "all have much more parsimonious and mundane explanations" (Cantor and Fedoroff, 2018, p. 205): "Sex crime rates are dropping […]. The incidence of sex crime rates decreases as people age […]. The likelihood that (known) high-risk sex offenders will re-offend decreases the longer they commit no crime […]. The self-report of men and women with paraphilic disorders […]. As people grow older, their interests shift to partners similar in age" (Cantor, 2018, p. 205). He argues that these findings reflect "aging populations," "the decrease in sex drive that accompanies aging," "the absence of critical thinking," and "sexual behavior with partners of increasing age as they [people] themselves age" (Cantor, 2018, p. 205). Researchers who assume that pedophilia is immutable usually infer that treatment should "focus on […] management" of pedophilia (Seto, 2017, p. 18), i.e., on developing the skills that are needed to regulate and control pedophilic urges (Institute for Sexology and Sexual Medicine of the Charité, 2013; Lehmiller, 2019).

Marshall (2008) assumes that pedophilia is not immutable because after treatment phallometric data show a reduction of arousal to children and an increase of arousal to adults in "quite deviant child molesters" (Marshall, 2008, p. 42). Marshall et al. (2009) describe behavioral procedures for modifying sexual interests, i.e., different aversion and masturbatory-based techniques, and the

evidence base for these procedures. Marshall et al. (2011) opt for identifying "individualized appropriate (i.e., non-deviant) sexual scripts that can serve as both templates for actual sexual relations and as images for masturbation activities" and refer to the fact that "[U]unreinforced habitual behavior (in this case, deviant sexual interests) has been shown to extinguish such habits" (Marshall et al., 2011, p. 152). Recent research on age of onset of sexual interest in children with individuals from different contexts (with and without treatment, explicitly and not explicitly advocating against acting on sexual interest in children) shows broad ranges from 6 to 44 years and 7 to 66 years, with a mean value of 17 and 20 years (Tozdan and Briken, 2015b, 2019). It also shows that a later age of onset is associated with more perceived flexibility of sexual interest in children, that more perceived flexibility is related to more motivation to change sexual interest in children (Tozdan and Briken, 2019), and that an increasing specific self-efficacy for modifying a sexual interest in children is related to a decreasing sexual interest in children in a considerable number of individuals (Tozdan et al., 2018b)1. Researchers who assume that pedophilia is mutable usually conclude that therapeutic interventions should target patients' specific self-efficacy (Briken et al., 2014; Tozdan and Briken, 2015a; Tozdan et al., 2018a), empower them (Fedoroff, 2018), and work on "relationship skills and healthy sexuality [...], self-esteem, empathy, prosocial sexual attitudes, and coping skills" (Marshall et al., 2011, p. 152). Briken et al. (2018) argue that, under the assumption of mutability of deviant sexual interests in at least a part of patients, therapists should clarify what their patients' motivation and goal in treatment is. As many patients do not have a desire for change, therapists should be open to adapt treatment to assignment, risk of (re-)offending, and exclusiveness of SIM (Briken et al., 2018).

In summary, at the present stage of research, one can assume that there are patients in which SIM might change over time or not, depending on, for example, flexibility, exclusivity, and age of onset of SIM (Tozdan and Briken, 2019). Hence, it can be expected that acceptance is a differentiated construct, too.

Study Aim

We can safely assume that a therapist's attitude concerning the necessity of accepting SIM is considered rather relevant for the therapeutic process. Indeed, it already has been shown that there is a relation between therapists' attitude toward the immutability of SIM and their patients' self-efficacy to change their SIM (Tozdan et al., 2018a). That means, the more therapists are convinced that SIM is mutable, the more their patients believe they can change it and vice versa. It is lively debated if patients should be told that SIM can change, if patients should be told that SIM is unchangeable (Cantor, 2018; Cantor and Fedoroff, 2018; Fedoroff, 2018), or if this question can only be answered in the course of the therapeutic process, because there are very different courses of SIM.

What we do not know is if the acceptance of SIM is related to patients' motivation to control sexual urges, to change their SIM, or to behavioral treatment outcomes, such as consumption of sexual imagery of minors and/or sexual abuse of minors. Furthermore, it has not yet been studied if there is

a difference between acceptance of SIM and behavior outcomes that correspond to pedophilic or to hebephilic interests. We also do not know if acceptance of SIM is related to dynamic risk factors which are linked with sexual self-regulation (Hanson et al., 2007). Moreover, it has not yet been clarified if acceptance of SIM is associated with sexual desire. Furthermore, we do not know if acceptance of SIM changes in the course of treatment, i.e., is affected by treatment.
Therefore, the purpose of this exploratory pilot study is to investigate the following research questions:

(1) Is there a relationship between the acceptance of SIM and dynamic risk factors?
(2) (a) Is there a relationship between the acceptance of SIM and the frequency/intensity of the use of child abuse/exploitation material? (b) Is there a relationship between the acceptance of SIM and the frequency/intensity of the use of adolescent abuse/exploitation material?
(3) Is there a relationship between the acceptance of SIM and the frequency/intensity of sexual desire/behavior toward minors?
(4) Does the level of acceptance of SIM change in the course of treatment?

Materials and Methods

Participants

This exploratory pilot study included 84 adult men with SIM who underwent initial diagnostic procedures between autumn 2011 and autumn 2019, gave their informed consent, and started treatment at the Institute for Sex Research, Sexual Medicine and Forensic Psychiatry in Hamburg. Thirteen men who had not given their informed consent were not included. The study was approved by the Ethics Committee of the Chamber of Psychotherapists Hamburg (09/2019-PTK-HH, 02/2015-PTK-HH). Data were prepared for analysis by two researchers (UL and ST) working at the research unit of the institute. Their work was independent of the processes of treatment indication and psychotherapeutic care.
All of the participants fulfilled the preconditions for receiving treatment in the program offered by the Prevention Network “Kein Täter werden” (see Table 1one for demographic characteristics of the participants). These are:

Variables	Total (N = 79, 100%)	
	N^a	%[b]
Education level		
Less than 10 years	13	16.5
More than 10 years	66	83.5
Employed		
Yes	63	79.7
No	16	20.3
Relationship status		
In a relationship	39	49.4
Currently single	40	50.6
Living alone		
Yes	38	48.1
No	41	51.9
Own children		
Yes	17	21.5
No	62	78.5
Self-reported exclusiveness (Interest is . . .)		
. . . exclusively in children	11	13.9
. . . not exclusively in children	67	84.8
. . . not specified	1	1.3
Self-reported age group attracted to		
Prepubertal (pedophile)	1	1.3
Pubertal (hebephile)	3	3.8
Prepubertal and pubertal (pedophile and hebephile)	8	10.1
Prepubertal and adult (pedophile and teleiophile)	4	5.1
Pubertal and adult (hebephile and teleiophile)	27	34.2

Prepubertal, pubertal and adult (pedophile, hebephile, and teleiophile)	35	44.3
Not specified	1	1.3
Self-reported sexual orientation		
Attracted to males	14	17.7
Attracted to females	48	60.8
Attracted to both sexes	16	20.3
Not specified	1	1.3
Self-reported prior lifetime sexual offenses[c]		
Non-offending	6	7.6
Child sexual abuse only	7	8.9
Child pornography use only	43	54.4
Mixed offenses	23	29.1
Previously known to justice[c]		
Child pornography offenses	11	13.9
Child sexual abuse offenses	5	6.3
Child pornography and child sexual abuse offenses	2	2.5
Not previously known to justice	61	77.2

[a]*Absolute share in the sample.*
[b]*Percentage share in the sample.*
[c]*Status when entering the treatment program.*

Table 1. Sample characteristics for the total sample (*N* = 79) when undergoing initial diagnostic procedure.

- not (yet) having offended and/or never having consumed child sexual abuse images, though fearing doing so, or
- already having offended and/or having consumed child sexual abuse images, but not being known to the legal system, or
- previously having been charged with and/or found guilty of relevant offenses and having fully served any sentence received as a result, and fearing committing further offenses(Netzwerk "Kein Täter werden", 2018).

Treatment involved 90 min of group therapy led by two group therapists weekly, or individual therapy sessions every 1 or 2 weeks. Every individual had to participate in an initial diagnostic procedure that comprised diagnostic interviews, a risk assessment, and a battery of self-report questionnaires. Hereafter, every participant was introduced to the therapeutic team by the therapist who conducted the initial diagnostic procedure. Referral for group vs. individual therapy was debated and decided within the whole team, i.e., medical doctors and psychologists [see Lampalzer et al. (2020) for more detailed information on indicators for group vs. individual treatment in this sample].

The treatment program at the Institute for Sex Research, Sexual Medicine and Forensic Psychiatry is based on the risk-need-responsivity model (Andrews et al., 1990) since, in addition to reducing possible distress from SIM, its main objective is to prevent sexual abuse of children and the use of abusive images. The risk principle determines therapy intensity. According to the need principle therapy focuses on the three most important dynamic risk factors that are related to the individual's modifiable risk of (re-)offending, e.g., in the realm of intimacy deficits or poor self-regulation. With regard to the responsivity principle referral to group vs. individual treatment, therapeutic technique, and decision for psychiatric treatment or medication in addition to psychotherapy are considered important. In the initial phase of treatment motivation and aims are clarified and biography work is done. In the intermediate phase risk factors and behavioral change are focused, particularly sexual self-regulation, emotional congruence with children, awareness and handling of risk situations, abuse related attitudes, hypersexuality and sexual urges, increase in interpersonal abilities, improvement of coping strategies, and empathy. The final phase concentrates on preventing relapses, considering support groups, and developing future plans (Briken et al., 2018).

After their last treatment session participants normally, i.e., if they were willing to do so, underwent a final diagnostic procedure which consisted, except for some updates, of the same questionnaires as the initial diagnostic procedure.

Five participants, who were included in the present study, had not filled in the Inventory of the Acceptance of Sexual Inclination (IASI rev, Mundt et al., 2011). For this reason, they were excluded from the analysis. The final sample consisted of 79 participants. Their age ranged from 19 to 61 years (M = 35.99, SD = 11.25). One participant did not indicate his age. Twenty-four (30%) participants were still in treatment, and 55 (70%) had partly or fully completed the treatment program. Of these participants who had partly or fully completed the treatment program 35 (64%) had completed the final diagnostic procedure, including IASI rev. Only these 35 men could be included into pre-post comparison analysis. Treatment duration ranged from 7 to 67 months (M = 30.66, SD = 15.39).

Measures

Inventory of the Acceptance of Sexual Inclination

The IASI rev is an unpublished self-report questionnaire designed to assess the extent of acceptance or integration of a sexual inclination into the individual self-concept (Ahlers et al.,

2008). Sexual inclination is understood as the third of three axes of sexual preference2 : “our *sexual inclination*toward a (i) preferred specific *type* of sexual partner and (ii) a preferred specific *mode* of sexual activity” (Schaefer and Ahlers, 2018, p. 88). According to Schaefer and Ahlers, it “resembles the current definition of paraphilias in the DSM-5” which refers to erotic activities (modes) such as spanking and whipping, and erotic targets (types), such as children, corpses or inanimate objects (Schaefer and Ahlers, 2018, p. 89). The IASI rev is a short version of the Inventory of the Acceptance of Sexual Preference (“Inventar zur Akzeptanz der sexuellen Präferenz”; cf. Ahlers et al., 2008) which has four subscales: *Attitude* (subjective attitude toward the acceptance of one’s own sexual preference, extent to which the attitude can become relevant for behavior), *Perceived Acceptance* (extent of real acceptance), *Emotion* (emotional processing of one’s own sexual preference), and *Fantasy and Control* (handling fantasies and needs that correspond to the sexual preference). The IASI rev has 15 items that are answered on a 5-point scale (e.g., “My sexual fantasies scare me.”; “I am aware of my sexual inclination.”) (see Appendix 1 for an English translation including all items). Total scores range from 15 to 75, with higher values indicating a greater acceptance. The IASI rev has not been validated yet. For the present pilot study the IASI rev was found to be highly reliable (15 items; Cronbach’s α = 0.88). The items of the IASI rev do not specifically refer to SIM. However, in the context of the battery of questionnaires that was filled in by the participants of the present study, it is rather unlikely that sexual inclination was not interpreted as SIM. Because the battery is explicitly designated for individuals with SIM and all of the participants turned to the network site specifically due to their SIM. In this study, we used the IASI rev total score for analyzing “acceptance” as a multidimensional construct and Item 5 of IASI rev (“My inclination is an integral part of my personality.”) for focusing even more on the aspect of (im-)mutability of SIM. This item of IASI rev (hereinafter also referred to as “Integral Part Item”) most closely corresponds to this aspect.

STABLE-2007

The STABLE-2007 (Hanson et al., 2007; Matthes and Rettenberger, 2008) is a 13-item risk assessment tool to measure dynamic risk for contact sexual recidivism among adult males who have been charged with a sexual offense. The 13 risk factors are evaluated by third party. They have been shown to be associated with sexual recidivism and are systematized into five sections: *Significant Social Influences*, *Intimacy Deficits* (capacity for relationship stability, emotional identification with children, hostility toward women, general social rejection, lack of concern for others), *General Self-Regulation* (impulsivity, poor problem-solving skills, negative emotionality), *Sexual Self-Regulation* (sex drive and preoccupations, sex as coping, deviant sexual preference), and *Cooperation with Supervision*. All of the items are scored on a 3-point scale. Total scores range from 0 to 26 (exception: emotional identification is not scored for offenders not having a child as a victim so that for them total scores only range to 24), with higher values indicating a higher dynamic risk of recidivism. The STABLE-2007 has proven very good interrater reliability for the English version [ICC = 0.79 (Hanson et al., 2007)] and for the German version [ICC = 0.90 for a population of sex

offenders with 50.9% being child molesters (Eher et al., 2012); ICC = 0.90 for a population of child molesters (Rettenberger et al., 2011)], too. It has also demonstrated good predictive validity for recidivism [AUC = 0.67–0.71 for sexual, violent and general recidivism (Eher et al., 2012)]. As mentioned above, the STABLE-2007 is designed for contact sexual offenders who have been charged with a sexual offense. The dynamic risk factors of the STABLE-2007 are not validated for recidivism relating to child/adolescent sexual abuse imagery and not for individuals with SIM without or with undetected offences. Nevertheless, the STABLE-2007 is used in this exploratory pilot study because it measures stable dynamic risk factors and there is no established tool available yet for this specific group with SIM. However, data are analyzed for the group of patients in this sample who reported child/adolescent sexual abuse in their past as well as for the whole group. Because one of the tool's developers, Karl Hanson, explicitly recommended to not use it for internet offenders who only offended with indecent images of children, which might apply to the majority of the sample, and not with identifiable victims (Webb, 2018, p. 107).

Items Assessing the Frequency of the Use of Child Abuse/Exploitation Material and Frequency of Sexual Desire/Behavior Toward Children

A subset of items of questionnaires of the initial diagnostic procedure which assess the frequency of consumption of (sexual) imagery of children, adolescents, adolescents sexually interacting with children, adults sexually interacting with children, and adults sexually interacting with adolescents is used, as well as a subset of items assessing the frequency of desire for sexual activities, and actual sexual activities with minors. In order to reduce the number of these items and generate six adequate items for the analysis, we amalgamated the relevant items via taking the score of the highest frequency of the relevant items. The six items are (see Appendix 2 for the specific questions of three different batteries):

(1) Frequency of Use of Legal Imagery of Children;
(2) Frequency of Use of Legal Imagery of Adolescents;
(3) Frequency of Use of Illegal Child Sexual Abuse Imagery;
(4) Frequency of Use of Illegal Adolescent Sexual Abuse Imagery;
(5) Frequency of Desire for Sexual Activities with Minors;
(6) Frequency of Sexual Activities with Minors.

Via these six items common distinctions in the literature are represented: (1) legal vs. illegal imagery, (2) pedophilic interests vs. hebephilic interests, (3) use of child abuse/exploitation material (hands-off) vs. (drive to) child sexual abuse (hands-on). Frequency is rated on a 5-point-Likert scale, with the following answer options: 1 = "never," 2 = "few times," 3 = "monthly," 4 = "weekly," 5 = "daily." For amalgamation, the score of the highest frequency of the relevant items was taken because this corresponds to the answer the participant would have given if he had answered to the amalgamated item. The distinction between legal and illegal imagery follows the COPINE scale (Quayle, 2008), with category 1–3 classified as legal imagery and category 4–10 as illegal imagery. Table 2 shows that inter-item correlations were significant and between 0.23 and 0.68, except for

item 6 that was not significantly correlated to the items 2, 3, and 4.

Items	1	2	3	4	5	6
(1) Use of Legal Imagery of Children	1					
(2) Use of Legal Imagery of Adolescents	0.53**	1				
(3) Use of Illegal Child Sexual Abuse Imagery	0.66**	0.42**	1			
(4) Use of Illegal Adolescent Sexual Abuse Imagery	0.33**	0.68**	0.62**	1		
(5) Desire for Sexual Activities with Minors	0.45**	0.26*	0.45**	0.29*	1	
(6) Sexual Activities with Minors	0.23**	−0.06	0.10	−0.12	0.32**	1

*Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level.
**Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level.

Table 2. Results of Pearson correlation tests for inter-item correlations of the items for frequency of the use of child abuse/exploitation material and frequency of sexual desire/behavior toward children inter-item correlation.

Statistical Analysis

As the battery of questionnaires was revised with regard to the current state of research in the course of data collection, not all questionnaires used in the present study were filled in by all participants. As the STABLE-2007 was only added to the battery of questionnaires in 2014, it was filled in for many participants by the therapists at a later time during the course treatment. Only those participants (n = 45) were included in the statistical analysis of correlations regarding the STABLE-2007 for whom the STABLE-2007 was completed not more than 6 months after the participant had completed the self-report questionnaires of the battery, assuming that no substantial change in dynamic risk of sexual recidivism has taken place during this time. In a second analysis of correlations regarding the STABLE-2007, only those (n = 16) were included who reported child/adolescent sexual abuse in their past (see section "STABLE-2007" for explanation).

First, the relation between acceptance of SIM and dynamic risk for contact sexual recidivism before treatment, i.e., between IASI rev total score/Item 5 IASI rev score and STABLE-2007 total score of

the initial diagnostic procedure, was analyzed using the Spearman's correlation coefficient because variables were ordinally scaled (Upton and Cook, 2014). Second, the relation between acceptance of SIM and frequency/intensity of the use of material of abuse/exploitation of minors, i.e., IASI rev total score/Item 5 IASI rev score and the items of the initial diagnostic procedure assessing the frequency of the use of child abuse/exploitation material, was analyzed using the Spearman's correlation coefficient because variables were ordinally scaled, too (Upton and Cook, 2014). Third, a Spearman's correlation was run to determine the relationship between acceptance of SIM and frequency/intensity of sexual desire/behavior toward minors, i.e., IASI rev total score/Item 5 IASI rev score and items assessing the frequency of sexual desire/behavior toward children, because variables were also ordinally scaled (Upton and Cook, 2014). Fourth, a Wilcoxon signed-rank-test was performed to compare acceptance of SIM, i.e., IASI rev total score, between initial and final diagnostic procedure because the data were not normally distributed. Fifth, a paired-samples *t*-test was carried out to compare Item 5 IASI rev score between initial and final diagnostic procedure because the data were normally distributed (Kim, 2015). In the final diagnostic procedure, the IASI rev was completed by 35 participants. Significance was set at a value less than 0.05. All statistical analyses were conducted using SPSS (V 24) (IBM SPSS Statistics, IBM Corporation, Armonk, NY, United States).

Results

Relationship Between Inventory of the Acceptance of Sexual Inclination and STABLE-2007

For the whole group, results of the Spearman's correlation indicated that there was no significant correlation between IASI rev total score and STABLE-2007 total score ($rs = -0.22$, $n = 43$, $p = 0.166$), and that there was no significant correlation between Item 5 IASI rev score and STABLE-2007 total score ($rs = 0.07$, $n = 45$, $p = 0.642$) (Table 3).

Variable	*M*	*SD*	*Mdn*	*Range*	r^a	p^a	FDR adjusted $p_{BH}{}^{a,b}$	n^a
(1) IASI rev	51.20	11.03	51	28–73	–	–		–
(a) Item 5 IASI rev	3.30	1.21	3	1–5	–	–		–
(2) STABLE-2007								
(a) Total sample	9.49	2.94	9	4–16	–0.215	0.166	0.266	43
					0.071	0.642	0.685	45
(b) Participants with child sexual abuse in the past	10.75	2.72	11	5–15	0.013	0.961	0.961	16
					–0.178	0.509	0.582	16
(3) Frequency of Use of Legal Imagery of Children	2.75	1.53	3	1–5	0.413*	<0.001	<0.001	72
					0.323*	0.005	0.040	75
(4) Frequency of Use of Legal Imagery of Adolescents	2.35	1.43	2	1–5	0.224	0.058	0.133	72
					0.084	0.474	0.582	75
(5) Frequency of Use of Illegal Child Sexual Abuse Imagery	2.86	1.46	3	1–5	0.265	0.026	0.083	70
					0.183	0.119	0.213	74
(6) Frequency of Use of Illegal Adolescent Sexual Abuse Imagery	2.68	1.42	3	1–5	0.109	0.367	0.489	71
					–0.111	0.344	0.489	75
(7) Frequency of Desire for Sexual Activities with Minors	3.09	1.46	4	1–5	0.234	0.044	0.117	75
					0.176	0.120	0.213	79
(8) Frequency of Sexual Activities with Minors	1.57	1.17	1	1–5	0.304*	0.008	0.043	75
					0.264	0.019	0.076	79

*$p_{BH} < 0.05$.
[a]*The first line refers to IASI rev, the second line refers to Item 5 of IASI rev.*
[b]*Adjusted p-value using the Benjamini–Hochberg procedure (Benjamini and Hochberg, 1995; Hemmerich, 2016).*
IASI, Inventory of the Acceptance of Sexual Inclination.

Table 3. Descriptive statistics and correlations between IASI rev (Item 5 IASI rev) and STABLE-2007, Frequency of Use of Legal Imagery of Children, Frequency of Use of Legal Imagery of Adolescents, Frequency of Use of Illegal Child Sexual Abuse Imagery, Frequency of Use of Illegal Adolescent Sexual Abuse Imagery, Frequency of Desire for Sexual Activities with Minors, and Frequency of Sexual Activities with Minors.

Similarly, for the group of patients who reported child/adolescent sexual abuse in their past, results of the Spearman's correlation indicated that there was no significant correlation between IASI rev total score and STABLE-2007 total score ($rs = 0.01$, $n = 16$, $p = 0.961$), and no significant correlation between Item 5 IASI rev score and STABLE-2007 total score ($rs = –0.18$, $n = 16$, $p = 0.509$), either (Table 3).

Relationship Between Inventory of the Acceptance of Sexual Inclination and Frequency/Intensity of the Use of Material of Abuse/Exploitation of Minors

Results of the Spearman's correlation indicated that there was a medium3, positive correlation between IASI rev total score and Frequency of Use of Legal Imagery of Children score ($rs = 0.41$, $n = 72$, $p \leq 0.001$), and no significant correlation between IASI rev total score and Frequency of Use of Legal Imagery of Adolescents score ($rs = 0.22$, $n = 72$, $p = 0.058$). There was also a medium, positive correlation between Item 5 IASI rev score and Frequency of Use of Legal Imagery of Children score ($rs = 0.32$, $n = 75$, $p = 0.005$), and no significant correlation between Item 5 IASI rev score and Frequency of Use of Legal Imagery of Adolescents score ($rs = 0.08$, $n = 75$, $p = 0.474$), either. The correlations remained statistically significant after Benjamini–Hochberg correction

(Table 3).

Moreover, results of the Spearman's correlation indicated that there was a small, positive correlation between IASI rev total score and Frequency of Use of Illegal Child Sexual Abuse Imagery score (*rs* = 0.27, *n* = 70, *p* = 0.026), no significant correlation between IASI rev total score and Frequency of Use of Illegal Adolescent Sexual Abuse Imagery score (*rs*= 0.11, *n* = 71, *p* = 0.367), no significant correlation between Item 5 IASI rev score and Frequency of Use of Illegal Child Sexual Abuse Imagery score (*rs* = 0.18, *n* = 74, *p* = 0.119), and no significant correlation between Item 5 IASI rev score and Frequency of Use of Illegal Adolescent Sexual Abuse Imagery score (*rs* = –0.11, *n* = 75, *p* = 0.344). The correlation between IASI rev total score and Frequency of Use of Illegal Child Sexual Abuse Imagery score was not statistically significant after Benjamini–Hochberg correction (Table 3).

Relationship Between Inventory of the Acceptance of Sexual Inclination and Frequency/Intensity of Sexual Tendencies/Behavior Toward Minors

Results of the Spearman's correlation indicated that there was a small, positive correlation between IASI rev total score and Frequency of Desire for Sexual Activities with Minors score (*rs* = 0.23, *n* = 75, *p* = 0.044). Results of the Spearman correlation also indicated that there was a medium, positive correlation between IASI rev total score and Frequency of Sexual Activities with Minors score (*rs*= 0.30, *n* = 75, *p* = 0.008). There was no significant correlation between Item 5 IASI rev score and Frequency of Desire for Sexual Activities with Minors score (*rs* = 0.18, *n* = 79, *p* = 0.120), and a small, positive correlation between Item 5 IASI rev score and Frequency of Sexual Activities with Minors score (*rs* = 0.26, *n* = 79, *p* = 0.019). After Benjamini–Hochberg correction, only the correlation between IASI rev total score and Frequency of Sexual Activities with Minors score remained statistically significant (Table 3).

Pre–post Comparison of Inventory of the Acceptance of Sexual Inclination

Results of the Wilcoxon signed-rank tests indicated no statistical difference between IASI rev total score before (*Mdn* = 54) and after (partial) completion of treatment (*Mdn* = 55), *T* = 261, *z* = –0.26, *p* = 0.799, *r* = –0.03 (Table 4). A paired-samples t-test indicated no statistical difference between the score of Item 5 of IASI rev before beginning treatment (*M*= 3.51, *SD* = 1.07) and the score of Item 5 of IASI rev after (partial) completion of treatment (*M* = 3.57, *SD*= 1.12), *t*(34) = –0.26, *p* = 0.797, *d* = –0.05, either (Table 4).

Outcome	Pre-test					Post-test					95% CI for mean difference	*Z*	*t*	*p*	FDR adjusted p_{BH}[a]	*Effect size r*	*Effect size d*
	M	*SD*	*Mdn*	*Range*	*n*	*M*	*SD*	*Mdn*	*Range*	*n*							
IASI rev	52.50	10.44	54	28–73	34	52.43	10.32	55	25–69	35		–0.26		0.799	0.799	–0.03	
Item 5 IASI rev	3.51	1.07	4	1–5	35	3.57	1.12	4	1–5	35	–0.51, 0.39		–0.26	0.797	0.799		–0.05

*p_{BH} < 0.05.

[a]*Adjusted p-value using the Benjamini–Hochberg procedure (Benjamini and Hochberg, 1995; Hemmerich, 2016).*

IASI, Inventory of the Acceptance of Sexual Inclination.

Table 4. Results of Wilcoxon signed-rank test and paired-samples *t*-test and descriptive statistics

for IASI rev total score and Item 5 IASI rev score (n = 35).

Discussion

General Discussion

This exploratory pilot study investigated if acceptance of SIM is associated with pedophilia associated urges and behaviors. Acceptance of SIM as measured by IASI rev total score and the score of the item “My inclination is an integral part of my personality” were not related to dynamic risk factors for contact sexual reoffending as measured by STABLE-2007. It is possible that this is due to the sample which might be characterized by other dynamic risk factors (77% were not previously known to justice) than forensic samples of contact sexual offenders with a SIM who have been charged with a sexual offense. Maybe the STABLE-2007 is not an adequate instrument for measuring dynamic risk for contact sexual reoffending in this sample. However, there was no correlation between IASI rev total score or Integral Part Item score and STABLE-2007 score, either. This might also be due to a lack of statistical power for finding small effects. Power analyses using G*Power (Faul et al., 2007) indicated that, with 80% power and α = 0.05, a sample size of 129 would be required to detect an effect of r = 0.215 that was revealed for the whole sample in the present study, and a sample size of 1,222 for an effect of r = 0.071 that was revealed for the subsample with child sexual abuse in the past.

Results of the current exploratory pilot study indicate a medium, positive correlation between acceptance of SIM and the frequency of the use of legal imagery of children, and a small, positive correlation between acceptance of SIM and the frequency of the use of illegal child sexual abuse imagery. This means, the more participants report to accept their SIM, the more they also report to use legal imagery of children as well as illegal child sexual abuse imagery, or vice versa. However, the findings reveal no correlation between acceptance of SIM and the frequency of use of legal imagery of adolescents, and no correlation between acceptance of SIM and the frequency of the use of illegal adolescent sexual abuse imagery. Furthermore, they show a small, positive correlation between acceptance of SIM and the reported frequency of desire for sexual activities with minors, and a medium positive correlation between acceptance of SIM and the reported frequency of sexual activities with minors.

The results may suggest that more acceptance of SIM might be associated with more awareness of a SIM, the desire might be more present and associated with more use of legal imagery and even more proneness to sexual abuse. Less acceptance of SIM, however, might be associated with more motivation to work on diminishing pedophilia associated urges and behaviors and thus make individuals reduce the focus on desire for sexual activities with children, use less legal and illegal material and prevent themselves from committing child sexual abuse. Of course, as we solely conducted correlation analyses, we are not able to make any statement about causality.

It is surprising that the correlations that were found for legal and illegal imagery of children were not

found for legal and illegal imagery of adolescents. Research suggests that pedophilic, hebephilic and teleiophilic individuals are different from each other, but there is still a lack of research in this field (Sea and Beauregard, 2018). In the present study, the majority of participants (44%) were pedophilic, hebephilic and teleiophilic, or hebephilic and teleiophilic (34%) at the same time. Obviously, these sexual interests cannot be seen as totally distinct from each other. According to the findings of this exploratory pilot study, acceptance of SIM might be different in the context of a pedophilic interest than in the context of a hebephilic interest. Maybe acceptance of a pedophilic interest has a deeper impact on awareness and the frequency of corresponding sexual desire and sexual behavior than acceptance of a hebephilic interest (cf. Prentky and Barbaree, 2011; Calkins Mercado and Beattey, 2012).

Additionally, results of the current exploratory pilot study indicate a medium, positive correlation between the assumption of SIM as an integral part of one's personality and the frequency of the use of legal imagery of children, and a small, positive correlation between this assumption and the frequency of sexual activities with minors, but no correlation between this assumption and any of the other frequency measures used. This means, the more men regard their pedophilic interests as an integral part of their personality, the more they sexualize non-sexual representations of children and commit hands-on child sexual abuse, or vice versa, the more men sexualize non-sexual representations of children and commit hands-on child sexual abuse, the more they regard their pedophilic interests as an integral part of their personality.

It has to be noted that after correction for multiple testing, only the correlation between acceptance of SIM and the frequency of the use of legal imagery of children, the correlation between the assumption of SIM as an integral part of one's personality and the frequency of the use of legal child sexual abuse imagery, and the correlation between acceptance of SIM and the frequency of sexual activities with minors remained statistically significant.

Post hoc power analyses that were conducted using the program G*Power (Faul et al., 2007) indicated that the statistical power for the correlation analyses of this study (assuming $n = 70$; see Table 2) was 13% for detecting a small effect of $r = 0.1$, 80% for detecting a medium effect of $r = 0.32$ and more than 99% for detecting a large effect of $r = 0.5$ (according to Cohen, 1988, 1992), with $\alpha = 0.05$. Thus, there was more than sufficient power (i.e., 80%) at the large effect size level, quite enough power at the medium effect size level and less than sufficient statistical power at the effect size level of less than $r = 0.32$.

The present study also investigated whether acceptance of SIM changed in the course of treatment. Results indicate no difference between before beginning treatment and (partial) completion of treatment. Maybe for a change of acceptance of SIM it would have to be directly targeted in treatment. However, treatment has a particular focus on risk factors (cf. Institute for Sexology and Sexual Medicine of the Charité, 2013; Briken et al., 2018; Netzwerk "Kein Täter werden", 2018) and acceptance of SIM might not have appeared to be a relevant risk factor. Another reason why acceptance of SIM did not change might be that the period under study was not sufficiently long

enough to observe a change in acceptance of SIM. Furthermore, insufficient statistical power because of the small sample size in the present study (n = 35) may have played a role in limiting the significance of the pre-post comparison conducted. Effect sizes from a study by Engel et al. (2018) with a sample of the Prevention network "Kein Täter werden" were between d = –0.14 and d = –0.58 for comparisons of treatment group (n = 35) before and after therapy regarding several measures. This supports the expectation for medium effects (according to Cohen, 1988, 1992). For the present study, a power analysis using the program G*Power (Faul et al., 2007) indicated that a total sample of 35 participants would be needed to detect a medium effect (d = 0.5) with 80% power and α = 0.05. This is equivalent to the sample size of the present study.

Limitations and Future Studies

The generalizability of the present results is restricted due to the sample size of only 79 participants in the whole sample and only 35 participants in the sample for pre-post comparison. With this sample size, especially with regard to pre-post comparison, this exploratory pilot study was underpowered for small effects. Therefore, the results of the present study need to be replicated with studies that include larger samples that would guarantee a sufficient statistical power. Generalizability is also limited because of the particular characteristics and institutional context of the "Kein Täter Werden" network site in Hamburg. Furthermore, 13 men could not be included in the study because they had not provided informed consent. Therefore, these data, and maybe specific characteristics, are not represented in the findings of this study.

Concerning validity, our results are limited because almost only self-report measurements with forced-choice categories were used. Forced-choice categories may simplify answers and/or distort information because of the particular choice sets given. The patients' self-report was not validated by objective measures. Hence, it cannot be ruled out that an effect of social desirability distorted our data. Only the STABLE-2007 items are assessed by third party. For a part of the patients whose STABLE-2007 date were analyzed the STABLE-2007 was only filled in for a period of a few weeks (for 25 patients more than 6 weeks later) up to 6 months after completion of the initial diagnostic procedure, because the STABLE-2007 was not part of the battery of questionnaires right from the beginning of data collection. It cannot be ruled out that this retrospective completion may have been biased. However, as mentioned above, we assume that no substantial change in dynamic risk of sexual recidivism takes place during this time. Moreover, the self-report questionnaires analyzed in this exploratory pilot study are not validated, yet. Thus, as mentioned before, the findings can only be seen as preliminary results.

Until now, acceptance of SIM and its effects are not well researched, yet. There is a need for a validation study of the IASI rev. Furthermore, at this state of research, case studies and qualitative research would help to understand this construct and its impact on individuals better (see Jones et al., 2020for qualitative research giving some insights into acceptance of pedophilia as a coping strategy of individuals who identify as pedophilic or hebephilic and do not offend). Quantitative research is needed in order to study how closely acceptance of SIM is related to measures of other

constructs like the Unconditional Self-Acceptance Questionnaire (Chamberlain and Haaga, 2001), the Emotional Processing Scale (Baker et al., 2015), and/or the Thought Control Questionnaire (Wells and Davies, 1994). For a broader treatment plan, going beyond directly focusing on the main risk factors, research on the relation of acceptance of SIM to constructs associated with emotional well-being should be conducted, e.g., on how closely it is related to the context of personal suffering, including ambivalent identity experience (Blagden et al., 2018) and stigma-related stress (Jahnke et al., 2015; Wagner et al., 2016; Lievesley et al., 2020; Stelzmann et al., 2020).

Since we solely calculated correlation coefficients, we are not able to make any statement about causal relations. This means, it is not clear whether the acceptance of SIM had an impact on the other variables, or vice versa, or whether and how they interact with each other. A further study should include statistical analyses which allow the examination of causality (e.g., crossed-lagged panel analyses; Frees, 2004).

The present study focused on the question if acceptance of SIM is related to essential treatment outcomes. The outcome measures of the present study, except of "Frequency of Desire for Sexual Activities with Minors," mainly focus on the frequency of behavior. Further studies could also include outcome measures that focus on the strength of SIM in itself (see Carvalho et al., 2020for different measures that are available), thus highlighting that not only behavioral changes are notable treatment goals but also change of SIM in itself, in general or via a partial shift from pedophilic to teleiophilic interests, for example. Accordingly, it would be worth studying if the level of SIM is associated with acceptance of SIM.

With larger samples, in the next stage of research, subgroups of men with SIM should be studied in more detail with regard to acceptance of SIM in order to be able to understand their characteristics and personalities better, differentiate better between them, and adapt treatment accordingly. There might be differences between the subgroups of non-offenders, mixed offenders, hands-on sexual offenders, and offenders without hands-on offenses but consumption of material depicting the sexual exploitation of minors. These subgroups were not differentiated in this study. Previous research indicates that these subgroups are, among other things, distinctive from each other regarding indicators of antisociality (Babchishin et al., 2015), criminal history (Long et al., 2013), offense supportive attitudes (Jahnke et al., 2015), stability of life factors, and substance abuse problems (Ly et al., 2018). Maybe they also differ from each other regarding acceptance of SIM. Previous findings suggest that offenders without hands-on offenses but consumption of material depicting the sexual exploitation of minors have greater levels of SIM than hands-on sexual offenders in the sense of greater sexual deviancy (even if going along with greater barriers to hands-on offending), greater likelihood to have problems with sexual preoccupation and sexual self-regulation (Babchishin et al., 2015), and a stronger diagnostic indicator of pedophilia (Seto et al., 2006). Another subgroup worth studying are webcam child sexual abuse offenders (de Tribolet-Hardy et al., 2020).

Differences in acceptance of SIM between individuals who are attracted to children, individuals who

are attracted to adolescents, those who are attracted to both, and those who are also attracted to adults also need to be investigated in greater detail. Last but not least, prior research shows that social factors, such as social support and relationship status, affect self-acceptance (Leavy and Adams, 1986; Vincke and Bolton, 1994; Huang et al., 2020). Thus, they might as well affect acceptance of SIM. Therefore, further research should also examine relationships between social factors, e.g., relationship status and living alone vs. not living alone, acceptance of SIM and the effects on treatment outcomes.

Conclusion

The main question of this study was if acceptance of SIM is related to essential treatment outcomes. The findings, on the one hand, indicate a positive correlation between acceptance of SIM and the use of legal imagery of children. On the other hand, they suggest that acceptance of SIM might be positively correlated with illegal activities, such as the frequency of sexual activities with minors. According to this, more acceptance might reinforce or be reinforced by legal ways of dealing with pedophilic interest, but it might also pave the way for or be increased by an enhancement of illegal activities. Hence, acceptance of SIM should be further investigated before specific recommendations for treatment are made. With our current knowledge, there is a need for individualized treatment plans allowing for a modification of SIM in some patients and, in other patients, for working on acceptance of SIM.

Data Availability Statement

The datasets for this study are not publicly available due to patient confidentiality and participant privacy. The computer code is available on request to the corresponding author.

Ethics Statement

The studies involving human participants were reviewed and approved by Ethics Committee of the Chamber of Psychotherapists Hamburg (09/2019-PTK-HH, 02/2015-PTK-HH). The patients/participants provided their written informed consent to participate in this study.

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Footnotes

1. ^ The findings mentioned were criticized as insufficient because of still unclear definitions (e.g., defining pedohebephilic interests as a SIM who are at least five years younger than oneself vs. defining pedohebephilic interest on the basis of a developmental approach involving biological, social, psychological, and experiential aspects that started before experiencing a SIM for the first time), not enough consideration of developmental processes (e.g., transitional processes, the fact that age of onset is maybe a part of ongoing developmental processes instead of a discrete event) and not sufficiently precise operationalization of age of onset (i.e., asking about age of first SIM might be misunderstood because almost every person is attracted to minors at some point in life) (McPhail, 2018).
2. ^ The other two axes are: "(a) our *sexual orientation* towards the preferred sex of the desired sexual partner [...], (b) our *sexual alignment* towards the preferred stage of physical development of the sexual partner's body" (Schaefer and Ahlers, 2018, p. 88).
3. ^ The Spearman's correlation coefficients are interpreted according to Cohen (1988, 1992).

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Appendixes

Instruction: In the following you are asked to give some information on how you handle your sexual inclination.

This statement is true. . .	**Not at all**	**Little**	**Moderately**	**Fairly**	**Very much**
(1) I forbid myself my sexual fantasies.	1	2	3	4	5
(2) I can enjoy my sexual fantasies without a bad conscience.	1	2	3	4	5
(3) I hate my sexual inclination.	1	2	3	4	5
(4) I cannot accept my sexual inclination.	1	2	3	4	5
(5) My inclination is an integral part of my personality.	1	2	3	4	5
(6) I reject my sexual inclination.	1	2	3	4	5
(7) One must resist disagreeable sexual fantasies.	1	2	3	4	5
(8) I allow myself my sexual fantasies.	1	2	3	4	5
(9) I reject myself because I have this sexual inclination.	1	2	3	4	5
(10) My sexual fantasies have nothing to do with me.	1	2	3	4	5
(11) My sexual fantasies scare me.	1	2	3	4	5
(12) I have no sexual fantasies.	1	2	3	4	5
(13) I am aware of my sexual inclination.	1	2	3	4	5
(14) I like to embellish my sexual fantasies.	1	2	3	4	5
(15) I resist my sexual fantasies.	1	2	3	4	5

(1) Frequency of Use of Legal Imagery of Children	• How often in the last 6 months did you consume (1) films with, (2) images/photos of lightly dressed children (e.g., in underwear, gym shorts, swimming trunks, leotards, transparent clothing. . .) for (a) masturbation, (b) stimulating pastime? • How often in the last 6 months did you consume films with normally dressed children (e.g., children's films, feature films, documentary films. . .) for (a) masturbation, (b) stimulating pastime? • How often in the last 6 months did you consume images/photos/portraits of dressed children (e.g., in magazines, on postcards, in illustrated books. . .) for (a) masturbation, (b) stimulating pastime? • How often in the last 6 months did you consume imagery of (a) prepubescent, (b) early pubescent children – dressed in non-sexual representations – for masturbation or stimulating pastime? • How often in the last 6 months did you consume imagery of (a) prepubescent, (b) early pubescent children – lightly dressed (e.g., in underwear) or naked in non-sexual representations – for masturbation and/or stimulating pastime? • In the last 12 months I used media for sexual arousal which depict a child under 14 years of age with a (a) prepubescent, (b) early pubescent, (c) late pubescent body scheme, dressed, lightly dressed (e.g., in underwear) or naked in real non-sexual representations (or natural poses, respectively).
(2) Frequency of Use of Legal Imagery of Adolescents	• How often in the last 6 months did you consume (1) films with, (2) images/photos of lightly dressed adolescents (e.g., in underwear, gym shorts, swimming trunks, leotards, transparent clothing. . .) for (a) masturbation, (b) stimulating pastime? • How often in the last 6 months did you consume films with normally dressed adolescents (e.g., children's films, feature films, documentary films. . .) for (a) masturbation, (b) stimulating pastime? • How often in the last 6 months did you consume images/photos/portraits of dressed adolescents (e.g., in magazines, on postcards, in illustrated books. . .) for (a) masturbation, (b) stimulating pastime? • How often in the last 6 months did you consume imagery of late pubescent adolescents – dressed in non-sexual representations – for masturbation and/or stimulating pastime? • How often in the last 6 months did you consume imagery of late pubescent adolescents – lightly dressed (e.g., in underwear) or naked in non-sexual representations – for masturbation and/or stimulating pastime? • In the last 12 months I used media for sexual arousal which depict an adolescent between 14 and 17 years of age, dressed, lightly dressed (e.g., in underwear) or naked in real non-sexual representations (or natural poses, respectively).
(3) Frequency of Use of Illegal Child Sexual Abuse Imagery	• How often in the last 6 months did you consume (1) films with, (2) images/photos of naked children (e.g., on the beach, bathing, medically examined, or posing in front of a camera) for (a) masturbation, (b) stimulating pastime? • How often in the last 6 months did you consume images/photos of children who were dressed up or posed styled up (e.g., made up, in special clothing, school uniforms, sailor suits etc.) for (a) masturbation, (b) stimulating pastime? • How often in the last 6 months did you consume (1) films, (2) images/photos with children in which sexual organs (e.g., buttocks, penis, vagina, breasts. . .) can be seen in detail and/or in which a child masturbates for (a) masturbation, (b) stimulating pastime? • How often in the last 6 months did you consume (1) films, (2) images photos with children in/on which sexual acts are performed between an adult and a child for (a) masturbation, (b) stimulating pastime? • How often in the last 6 months did you consume imagery of (a) prepubescent, (b) early pubescent children – dressed, lightly dressed (e.g., in underwear), or naked in erotic/slinky/provocative poses – for masturbation and/or stimulating pastime? • How often in the last 6 months did you consume imagery of (a) prepubescent, (b) early pubescent children which show genital and anal area in detail for masturbation and/or stimulating pastime? • How often in the last 6 months did you consume imagery of (a) prepubescent, (b) early pubescent children which show sexual acts between pre-/early pubescent children (touching, masturbation, mutual stimulation, oral/vaginal/anal intercourse) for masturbation and/or stimulating pastime? • How often in the last 6 months did you consume imagery of (a) prepubescent, (b) early pubescent children which show sexual acts with an adult (touching, masturbation, mutual stimulation, oral/vaginal/anal intercourse) for masturbation and/or stimulating pastime? • In the last 12 months I used media for sexual arousal which depict real children under 14 years of age with a (a) prepubescent, (b) early pubescent, (c) late pubescent body scheme, dressed, lightly dressed (e.g., in underwear) or naked in erotic/slinky/provocative poses. • In the last 12 months I used media for sexual arousal which depict real children under 14 years of age with a (a) prepubescent, (b) early pubescent, (c) late pubescent body scheme and show genital and/or anal area in detail or which show sexual acts without adults being involved. • In the last 12 months I used media for sexual arousal which depict real children under 14 years of age with a (a) prepubescent, (b) early pubescent, (c) late pubescent body scheme and show sexual acts with adults being involved.
(4) Frequency of Use of Illegal Adolescent Sexual Abuse Imagery	• How often in the last 6 months did you consume (1) films with, (2) images/photos of naked adolescents (e.g., on the beach, bathing, medically examined, or posing in front of a camera) for (a) masturbation, (b) stimulating pastime? • How often in the last 6 months did you consume images/photos of adolescents who were dressed up or posed styled up (e.g., made up, in special clothing, school uniforms, sailor suits etc.) for (a) masturbation, (b) stimulating pastime? • How often in the last 6 months did you consume (1) films, (2) images/photos with adolescents in/on which sexual organs (e.g., buttocks, penis, vagina, breasts. . .) can be seen in detail and/or in which an adolescent masturbates for (a) masturbation, (b) stimulating pastime? • How often in the last 6 months did you consume (1) films, (2) images/photos with children in/on which sexual acts are performed between an adult and an adolescent for (a) masturbation, (b) stimulating pastime? • How often in the last 6 months did you consume imagery of late pubescent adolescents – dressed, lightly dressed (e.g., in underwear), or naked in erotic/slinky/provocative poses for masturbation and/or stimulating pastime? • How often in the last 6 months did you consume imagery of late pubescent adolescents which show genital and anal area in detail for masturbation and/or stimulating pastime? • How often in the last 6 months did you consume imagery of late pubescent adolescents which show sexual acts between late

	pubescent adolescents (touching, masturbation, mutual stimulation, oral/vaginal/anal intercourse) for masturbation and/or stimulating pastime? • How often in the last 6 months did you consume imagery of late pubescent adolescents which show sexual acts with an adult (touching, masturbation, mutual stimulation, oral/vaginal/anal intercourse) for masturbation and/or stimulating pastime? • In the last 12 months I used media for sexual arousal which depict a real adolescent between 14 and 17 years of age, dressed, lightly dressed (e.g., in underwear) or naked in erotic/slinky/provocative poses. • In the last 12 months I used media for sexual arousal which depict real adolescents between 14 and 17 years of age and show genital and/or anal area in detail or which show sexual acts without adults being involved. • In the last 12 months I used media for sexual arousal which depict real adolescents between 14 and 17 years of age and show sexual acts with adults being involved.
(5) Frequency of Desire for Sexual Activities with Minors	• How often do you have a desire for sex with intercourse with a child/adolescent? • How often do you have a desire for sex without intercourse with a child/adolescent? • How often do you have a desire for intimate body contact with a child/adolescent? • I had sexual desire (= a state of a strong longing or strong desire which arises in thought, triggered by, for example, certain encounters, pictures, moods or feelings; not to be equated with masturbation or other sexual acts) with regard to persons with a (a) prepubescent, (b) early pubescent, (c) late pubescent, (d) postpubescent body scheme, whether or not an act followed or not.
(6) Frequency of Sexual Activities with Minors	• How often do you normally have intercourse with a child/adolescent? • How often do you normally have sex without intercourse with a child/adolescent? • How often do you normally have intimate body contact with a child/adolescent? • In the last 12 months I performed sexual acts without penetration with (a) prepubescent, (b) early pubescent children, (c) late pubescent children under 14 years of age, (d) adolescents between 14 and 17 years of age (e.g., observing/photographing/filming in intimate situations or of charges, peeping, sexualized talk, watching porn together, invitation to (mutual) masturbation, (deep) kiss, masturbation in front of a child/adolescent, rubbing, exposing oneself etc.) • In the last 12 months I performed sexual acts with penetration with (a) prepubescent, (b) early pubescent children, (c) late pubescent children under 14 years of age, (d) adolescents between 14 and 17 years of age (e.g., intercourse, i.e., oral intercourse, anal intercourse, vaginal intercourse, penetration with finger and/or objects etc.).

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What if Paedophilia is an Orientation?

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According to a report by the BBC, Dr James Cantor, of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto, claims that, "Paedophilia is a sexual orientation. Paedophilia is something that we are essentially born with, does not appear to change over time and it's as core to our being as any other sexual orientation is."

Cantor has come to this conclusion through examining the brains of paedophiles using MRI scans, and on one level his study and conclusions are fascinating, as it casts new light on the 'nature or nurture' debate. The growing biological explanation for human sexual desires and behavior is fascinating, biologically. I think it would be difficult for anyone to now deny that genetics and brain function affect our sexual appetites. But we also know that it is not the complete story, with nurture clearly having an impact on the way in which our natures are expressed.

While unearthing the scientific explanations for the way we feel as we do is fascinating, I have long thought that the often tortuous nature vs nurture debate about human sexuality is fundamentally uninteresting. Yes, all of us, for whatever reasons, are wired certain ways sexually – most are attracted to people of the opposite sex, some to people of the same sex, others to both sexes, and a few to neither. Get over it. For me the bigger issue is about what we do with our desires – for how our behaviours most effectively nourish human flourishing and the health of society.

So, while I would not be surprised if Cantor's assertion proves to be true, and paedophilia is 'a sexual orientation' as much as any other, what concerns me more is how those who are sexually attracted to children conduct themselves – for the good of human community; and how society acts towards those who are oriented towards paedophilia, for the sake of human flourishing.

Given the current climate this is probably wishful thinking, but I'd like us as a society to get to the point where someone oriented to paedophilia can 'come out' about that without fear of threat or stigma – or a baying lynch mob at the door. It would be good if we could be unfazed about this kind of coming out. If we were, is it not likely that incidents of child abuse would actually decrease? If paedophilia were a sexual desire that could be acknowledged without fear of personal ruin, would that not lead to more paedophiles confessing their desires, and it being easier for them to seek treatment? And would it not make the safeguarding of children easier too? After all, a paedophile is most dangerous to children when it is not known that he/she is a paedophile.

Wouldn’t we do better as a society if no-one was stigmatized for their sexual orientation? Wouldn’t it be better if no-one batted an eyelid if we were to admit being same-sex attracted, or opposite-sex attracted, or not attracted at all – or even being able to admit attraction to children?

A second hope (which is probably even more wishful) is that we as a society might come to the point where we again recognize that sexual constraints are an important aspect of human flourishing. Recognizing that paedophilia is a sexual orientation, but one that it is always inappropriate to act on, makes far more plausible the logical leap to the Christian teaching that any sexual activity outside the marriage of one man to one woman is wrong. If we can draw lines declaring that one particular sexual orientation enjoys no rights to be acted on, why could we not draw such lines for other sexual orientations?

That paedophilia is harmful to children in a way that consenting adult relationships are not gives us grounds for discriminating between orientations, but doesn’t actually provide grounds for saying that any consenting adult relationship is healthy for human flourishing and the building of community. And if we continue along our current cultural line that sexual activity is merely the outworking of sexual orientation (whether that be hetero-, homo-, or bi-) and that is fine, I think it will be increasingly hard to hold the line that sex with children is always wrong.

One of the givens of the Christian life is the acknowledgment that it is always better to confess our sin and brokenness than to bury them. Confession is the pathway to forgiveness, and to victory over temptation. Central to this acknowledgment is the recognition that we all are broken sinners, in need of the forgiveness and grace of a Saviour. Perhaps our growing understanding of the complexities of human sexuality will open doors for more people to find such grace and forgiveness – that humans may flourish, and community be established.

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If pedophilia is a sexual orientation, now what?

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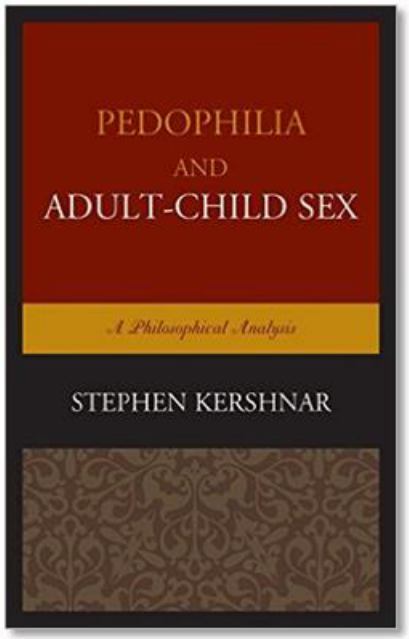

I have **written**in this space before about the idea that pedophilia is a sexual orientation, that it's just another element of human sexual diversity not to be condemned but understood and sympathized with. We are now at the next stage of normalization. Indeed, the **DSM-V** already recognizes pedophilia as a sexual orientation (p. 698). But now we have a full-length academic book arguing the same: ***Pedophilia and Adult-Child Sex: A Philosophical Analysis***, by Stephen Kershnar.

In this book, Kershnar questions whether pedophilia should be considered a mental disorder and/or morally wrong. His argument is that it can only be considered a mental disorder if and only if two conditions are met: (1) if the condition causes harm and (2) if the harm results from a dysfunction in a mental mechanism. Kershnar contends that pedophilia is a "natural function" with an "evolutionary explanation." Thus it does not meet the second criterion. He further argues that pedophilia doesn't harm the pedophile and that it does not necessarily harm a "willing" child. So pedophilia doesn't clearly violate the first criterion either (pp. xviii-xix).

If you think it sounds outlandish that pedophilia might be normalized in this way, you wouldn't be alone. Most people feel moral revulsion at the prospect of such a thing. But this book appears to be questioning the "ick factor" associated with pedophilia. Is the "ick factor" just an aesthetic

preference or an intuition about a moral absolute? If it's just an aesthetic preference, then it can't always in every case be wrong. At least that's the logic. The author writes:

> *My analysis simply provides reason to reject the general condemnation of adult-child sex… It also allows that some adult-child sex, perhaps even some in the real world, is not wrong and does not involve vicious or blameworthy adults (p. xix).*

I saw this book noted by Princeton law professor Robbie George, who had this to say about the book on his **Facebook page**:

> *An academic philosophical defense of "adult-child sex" invoking standard liberal assumptions and principles. We're now on that familiar highway going from "the conservatives are scaremongering" to "there's nothing wrong with that, so live and let live" to "you're a bigot for not approving." Let's revisit this in 3-5 years to see where we are.*

Some might wish to dismiss Dr. George's concerns as alarmist. But are they really? It seems that the moral argument is pretty straightforward and inevitable given what most people already believe about sexual orientation.

It is common today to believe that sexual orientation is an innate quality and defines a person's identity. To suppress that identity in any way causes harm. We must affirm people's self-identity (i.e., sexual orientation) in order for them to be whole and healthy. As long as they aren't hurting anyone, it is wrong to pronounce a moral judgment on how they choose to live their identity. Or at least that's how the argument commonly goes. It is a truncated morality in which the only norm is consent.

But the problem with this logic is obvious. If pedophilia is a sexual orientation, then what is the limiting criterion by which this moral logic applies to one sexual orientation but not to another? If people are willing to apply such logic to heterosexual, homosexual, and bisexual orientations, why not to pedophilia?

Pedophilia as orientation exposes the inadequacy of this kind of moral reasoning. It shows that you cannot give a moral assessment of sexual behavior merely on the basis of the actor's perceived orientation. Sexual attractions can be misdirected and wrong. But the wrongness of the attractions cannot be determined simply by whether or not they come naturally to a person. There are many patterns of sexual attraction that feel natural to people but that are nevertheless morally wrong. The moral assessment of both orientation and the behavior that comes from it must be made on other grounds.

As a Christian, I would argue that those "other grounds" are a matter of revelation. God has revealed his intention for us as sexual beings both in natural and special revelation. Natural revelation tells us that male and female bodies have sexual complementarity ordered to the procreation of the human race. Special revelation instructs us that conjugal union is only to be enjoyed between one man and one woman within the covenant of marriage. Any sexual activity that does not conform to this pattern falls short of God's intention—which is another way of saying that it is morally wrong.

Because mankind and the world are fallen (Genesis 3), we often find ourselves at odds with God's

intention for our sexual lives. Because of our deep connection to our father Adam, it is possible for our sexual incongruity to feel quite natural to us. But the incongruity is not rendered congruous simply because it feels “natural.” Natural is defined by God’s revelation, not by our feelings one way or the other.

So Christianity provides a limiting factor that stops the normalization of pedophilia in its tracks. I don’t think the spirit of our age can provide the same.

Is Pedophilia a Sexual Orientation? A Psychologist Breaks Down What Makes a Jerry Sandusky

A Canadian psychologist shares the scary truth about pedophiles: Nobody has any real idea what to do about them.

By

Cord Jefferson

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Society has long struggled to find the best way to manage and rehabilitate sex offenders. Never has that been more obvious than earlier this month, when Jerry Sandusky, a retired Penn State football coach, was arrested and charged with molesting boys for years while his colleagues ignored his actions. As America once again considers how to protect its children, a Canadian psychologist suggests a controversial new way to illuminate the problem.

Dr. Vernon Quinsey, professor emeritus in the department of psychology at Queen's University, testified before Canada's parliament in February that pedophilia should be considered a sexual orientation. Though you may think he's crazy, Quinsey is not alone. A growing number of medical professionals share his view, and they think it may help society finally fashion a worthwhile response to people who prey on children.

GOOD: *First thing's first: What's the definition of a pedophile?*

Vernon Quinsey: This is something some people tend to be quite confused about, and it's because they don't distinguish between sexual offenses against children and pedophilia. There are guys who commit offenses against children who are not pedophiles. Pedophilia is a clinical diagnostic term referring to people who actually prefer prepubescent children to adults for sexual partners. Not all guys who commit offenses against children are pedophiles. For instance, you could have a man who sleeps with a young teenager who tells him she's 21, and that would not be pedophilia. Pedophiles prefer children who do not have an adult body shape. One thing I'd also like to point out is that instances of pedophilia have dropped quite substantially over the past few decades, as have all sex offenses. That's something you'd probably not know from reading most media accounts.

GOOD: *You're a member of a growing group of psychologists who say pedophilia should be considered a sexual orientation. Why?*

Quinsey: Part of the definition of pedophilia is a person has a preference for a particular kind of partner. We measure this in the laboratory with a method we call phallometry, which allows us to

measure changes in a man's penile tumescence in response to visual stimuli or stories. While certainly not perfect, this is probably the best way we have of measuring male sexual interest. And pedophiles, unlike other men, show substantial sexual interest in prepubescent children. As far as we know—and many people have tried—these sexual interests are not modifiable by any method that's been tried yet. So it appears like pedophilia is a sexual orientation. Because if you think of a sexual orientation like male heterosexuality, phallometric studies will show that male heterosexuals show substantially more interest in females than males. You also can't modify that interest; it's stable through adulthood, just like pedophilia.

GOOD: *How does one become a pedophile? Is it something that happens in the womb?*

Quinsey: The short answer is we don't know. There's been very little genetic work done and almost no work done on intrauterine effects. We do know that the brains of pedophiles are different than those of other men. James Cantor, at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto, has shown that. His work is probably the best on these brain structure differences. [*Ed.: Click here to read about some of Cantor's work.*]

GOOD: *Are there female pedophiles?*

Quinsey: There have been a few cases of female pedophiles reported throughout history, but the number is very, very low, to the point that it's not clear they exist in nature.

GOOD: *Assuming pedophiles are hardwired this way, is it a fool's errand to try and rehabilitate them?*

Quinsey: As far as we know there is no cure for pedophilia, but people can learn to control their urges, they can avoid high-risk situations. The evidence of treatability—that is that clinicians can lower the likelihood these guys will reoffend—is controversial. If you look at the field as a whole, there is no consensus on how effective these programs are at helping these guys control their urges. From the social policy side, you have to do something. And one of the things we can do—and do quite well, in fact—is to assess the risk that pedophiles have of reoffending. And that risk varies substantially. Some guys are very likely to reoffend and some guys are not, and we can measure that. So that gives us a tool that allows us to determine what kind of supervision people might require to avoid reoffending, and how much attention we should pay to their risk.

GOOD: *It's a biological imperative for people to have sex. How can pedophiles do that without harming society?*

Quinsey: There are lots of people who don't have sex. They masturbate, they watch pornographic material. There are sexual outlets that don't involve partners. But there is no quick fix for any of this. There are no easy answers. People talk about chemical castrating pedophiles a lot, but the evidence about chemical castration is not particularly encouraging. There are miserable side-effects. Pedophiles don't like to take the castration drugs, and if a pedophile is particularly high-risk, you need to guarantee he's going to take those drugs. That raises all sorts of ethical issues. The important issue for people to grasp is that the treatment and management of pedophiles is very much a work in progress, and it's something that requires funding and people to do work. Because

it’s not just going to go away.
GOOD: *Do you think there's a case to be made for allowing pedophiles pornographic drawings of children in the hope that they can find release in those instead of harming real kids?*
Quinsey: Good question. I doubt it could be tried because there are laws against it. People would also worry about whether it might encourage this behavior.
GOOD: *If pedophiles' preferences can't be altered, it would seem that putting them in jail isn't going to change their behavior the way it might, say, a bank robber. Do you think pedophiles should be imprisoned?*
Quinsey: It depends on how high-risk they are. If they are high-risk, then society does need some degree of protection, and that can be provided by some kind of an environment where they don’t have access to the community. But that doesn't necessarily mean jail. And in some cases pedophiles can be let back into the community and managed with some supervision. [*Ed.: Read more on new approaches to supervising offenders.*]
GOOD: *Having pedophiles in the neighborhood is something that's difficult for a lot of people to stomach.*
Quinsey: Of course. In that way, pedophiles are like a lot of other individuals who are high-risk: People don’t want to live beside them. Which is why pedophiles inevitably end up in neighborhoods that are less well-organized. That’s probably not a very healthy situation, because then it becomes easier for pedophiles to fall under the radar.
GOOD: *Knowing all that you know, would you want a pedophile living in your neighborhood?*

Quinsey: I think all citizens have to accept a certain amount of risk to function normally in society. We can’t be perfectly safe, and the fact is that I actually do live in a neighborhood with several halfway houses, some of which are home to guys who have been convicted of attacks on children. There isn’t really much alternative. People have to live somewhere. What you want is for anyone with a criminal history, not just pedophiles, to have decent housing and good supervision. When they get that it’s better for everyone.

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Pedophilia and Sexual Orientation

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Abstract
The purpose of this paper is to examine the implications of viewing pedophilia as a sexual

orientation. While there is a clear distinction between gender preferences in sexual orientations, the discussion around other factors of sexual orientation do not often include age orientation. Using the multi-dimensional framework proposed by Seto (2016), this paper seeks to add to the discussion of expanding the definition of sexual orientation to include age orientation. Pedophilia describes a paraphilia where people are romantically or sexually attracted to children. According to the DSM-5, people can be diagnosed with Pedophilic Disorder if their romantic and sexual attraction to children is persistent, pervasive, and if these feelings cause significant distress, or if they have acted on their feelings. Expanding the definition of sexual orientation to include age orientation would help reduce the stigma experienced by the minor-attracted population by allowing safer access to therapeutic interventions. Differentiating between sexual attraction and criminal behaviour would increase access to therapeutic interventions targeted towards reducing sexual offences against children.

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Pedophilia and Sexual Orientation

While people with pervasive mental illness are the victims of stigma, isolation, and fear in society, few illnesses are as rejected as pedophilia. Pedophilia can be defined as persistent recurring thoughts, fantasies, and attraction towards prepubescent children (Seto, 2012). In research conducted on people with pedophilic sexual interests, there are three commonly discussed classifications: pedophilia, hebephilia and teleiophilia. Pedophilia is an attraction to prepubescent children, hebephilia describes attraction to early pubescent children, and teleiophilia defines attraction to postpubescent adults.

Seto (2012) estimated that pedophilia and hebephilia occurs in an about 1% of the general population. Providing a precise estimate for the prevalence of pedophilia is difficult due to the sensitive nature and implications of “coming out” as a pedophile. The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5; American Psychiatric Association, 2013) describes pedophilia as a paraphilia, which is an abnormal sexual interest. Paraphilias can lead to paraphilic disorders, but paraphilic disorders and paraphilias are not synonymous. To be diagnosed with a paraphilic disorder, such as Pedophilic Disorder in this case, the individual must have experienced marked distress caused by their pedophilic urges or have acted on those urges. Indeed, an individual can be diagnosed with Pedophilic Disorder without harming a child.

Imhoff and Jahnke (2018) argued that the boundary between people with a paraphilia and people with paraphilic disorders is not clear to the public. Unlike other paraphilias, such as voyeurism and fetishism, pedophilia is commonly believed to be distinctly linked to criminality.

This is likely due to the conflation between pedophilia and child molestation, even though not all individuals with Pedophilic Disorder have caused harm to children (Imhoff & Jahnke, 2018).

Pedophilia and Sexual Offending

Seto (2012) estimated that about half of offenders who committed sexual acts against children have a pedophilic orientation. Indeed, the data indicates that not every person who commits a sexual offence against a child is attracted to children. Other motivations for sex crimes against children include antisocial personality traits, situational influences, lack of social skills, and opportunity to commit the crime (Seto, 2012; Walker, 2020). The variation in motivations for committing sex crimes against children indicates that pedophilic desire and

fantasies alone are not enough to explain sexual offending against children, which defines a variation between pedophilic attraction and sexual offending (Jahnke, 2018).

This is contrary to the popular belief that all child sex offenders are pedophiles. The term pedophile is often used interchangeably with child molester, which is a person who has been convicted of a sexual offense against a child. However, there is a distinction between individuals with pedophilic sexual interest and people who commit sexual offences against children, since not every minor-attracted person (MAP) will act on their urges (Seto, 2012; Walker, 2020). People commonly believe that pedophiles have no control over their urges, but research indicates that the majority of MAPs are aware of the legal implications of their attraction to children and learn to live with their thoughts and urges without acting on them (Jahnke, 2018).

However, it is difficult to gather accurate data around how many MAPs have offended against children compared to how many have been able to control their urges (non-offenders). Due to the societal implications of admitting pedophilic desires, non-offenders are unlikely to be identified (Seto, 2012). Similarly, not all pedophiles who have committed sex crimes against children will be caught, and not all people who are convicted of sex crimes against children are pedophiles. Researchers estimate that between 50-70% of people who have been convicted of sex crimes against children are not pedophiles (Seto, 2012; Walker, 2020).

Since it is difficult to gather accurate self-report data due to the stigma surrounding pedophilia, most research has measured criminal behaviour (sexual contact with children, viewing child pornography) rather than measuring attraction and interest (Seto, 2016). Since most available data has been collected from convicted sexual offenders, the data is likely to reflect issues that are more closely linked to criminality compared to other aspects of sexual attraction towards children in the non-offending population.

Pedophilia and Child Pornography

While there are MAPs who have not acted on their urges by molesting a child, most self-identified pedophiles admit to using child pornography (Seto, 2010). One possible argument against the distinction between pedophilia and criminality is the continued victimization

experienced by the victims of child pornography (Babchishin et al., 2014). Seto (2010) argues that there is a link between the use of child pornography (CP) and expressions of pedophilic

interests. Gewirtz-Meydan et al. (2018) describe CP as sexually explicit depictions of people under the age of 18.

There is a link between sexual interests and choices in pornography, and CP users show significantly greater sexual attraction to children compared to convicted child molesters (Seto, 2010). Even though not all convicted child molesters self-report significant attraction to children, Babchishin et al., (2014) found that convicted child molesters view images of pre-pubescent children longer than images of adults. Even if the person viewing child pornography is not physically harming a child, the use of CP supports the production of material ultimately leading to the abuse of children (Babchishin et al., 2014). Measuring the use of child pornography can provide a more objective assessment of pedophilia compared to self-report data, which would provide stronger evidence for the diagnosis of Pedophilic Disorder and potentially facilitate treatment focused on stopping the use of CP (Seto, 2010).

Pedophilia and the LGBTQ+ Community

Historical views of pedophilia have changed over the past few decades, ultimately leading to societal exclusion for pedophiles who were once considered to be members of the queer community (Walker, 2020). Prior to the gay rights movement, non-heterosexual people and people with other attractions that fell outside the norm were considered predatory by nature (Walker, 2020). The definition of “queer” has changed over the years, and some argue that the label of queer previously included MAPs. Indeed, the Canadian Lesbian and Gay Rights Coalition publicly favoured abolishing the age of consent in the 1970s during a time when pedophiles were more widely accepted in the queer community (Walker, 2020). After the harmful effects of child abuse became more commonly known, pedophiles were rejected from the LGBTQ+ community.

Walker (2020) interviewed non-offending, self-identified pedophiles who described similar experiences of rejection and stigma from the LGBTQ+ community. MAPs who indicated attraction to children of the same sex (homosexual pedophiles) described difficulty in labeling their identity due to rejection from the queer community upon revealing their age-orientation.

Indeed, people with a sexual interest in children are despised socially at a heightened extent when compared to other categories of atypical sexual interest, even if the individual has not committed a crime against children (Imhoff & Jahnke, 2018; Jahnke, 2018). Since it is

widely accepted that adult-child sex has long-term negative impacts on the child, many pedophiles experience distress over their feelings and urges but are unable to seek treatment due to their societal rejection.

Sexual Orientation

Sexual orientation is primarily defined as attraction to one or multiple genders, and is typically defined by examining sexual thoughts, fantasies, urges, arousal, and behaviour (Seto, 2012). Seto (2016) suggested expanding the current definition of sexual orientation to emphasize the stable tendency to orient attraction and arousal to classes of stimuli, including age. This multi-dimensional framework would broaden the definition of sexual orientation to allow for individuals to have multiple sexual orientations other than their gender attraction. Controversially, Seto (2012) argued that pedophilia and other age-orientations would be more accurately classified as a sexual orientation.

When the DSM-5 was originally published, pedophilia was included as pedophilic sexual orientation and pedophilic disorder was a separate diagnostic category for people who have acted on the thoughts or experience extreme distress (Walker, 2020). However, this definition was modified to exclude the categorization of pedophilia as a sexual orientation due to backlash and criticism received. Bailey et al. (2016) argued that this change in definition was based on the political implications rather than scientific data on sexual and gender orientation. Many researchers argue that the common definition of sexual orientation is too narrow and should be expanded to include other fixed aspects of attraction (Grundmann et al., 2016; Seto, 2012; Walker, 2020).

When compared to research conducted on the changeability of sexual orientation, research on pedophilia shows similar results of immutability and permanence (Walker, 2020). Seto (2012) compared four main features of sexual orientation and pedophilia: age of onset, neurobiological similarities, associations with romantic and sexual behaviour, and stability over time. Seto (2012, 2016) highlighted similarities between gender-orientation and age-orientation, including a similar age of onset and stability over time. Like previous research conducted on sexual orientation, Seto (2012) found that sexual attraction to children is unlikely to decrease over time or with therapeutic intervention, rendering it unchangeable.

Bailey et al. (2016) also found that gender and age orientation are on a spectrum, or continuum, of attraction for pedophiles and teleiophiles by modeling sexual arousal responses

using an age-gender gradient. The age-gender gradient charted phallometric research on convicted sex offenders' attraction patterns to overlapping physical similarities across ages and genders. Interestingly, the age-gender gradient research conducted by Bailey et al. (2016) showed that teleiophiles have the capacity to be attracted to children based on their overlapping physical characteristics of the target of attraction. This indicates that sexual attraction towards children is on a spectrum of attraction that is beyond an individual's control.

Even though data is sparse regarding etiology and remission, measures of changeability and stability of pedophilia support the conceptualization of pedophilia as an element of sexual orientation (Grundmann et al., 2016). The controversy surrounding conceptualizations of

pedophilia often branches into two perspectives: a sexual medicine perspective and a behavioural perspective (Grundmann et al., 2016). The sexual medicine perspective highlights biological markers for orientation, including the manifestation of sexual preference during puberty for both pedophilia and gender preference; whereas the behavioural perspective argues that pedophilia is a changeable, learned behaviour and an acquired sexual interest (Grundmaan et al., 2016). Indeed, this viewpoint aligns with the common belief that pedophiles can change who they are attracted to, even though this belief is outdated regarding gender orientation (Imhoff & Jahnke, 2018; Walker, 2020).

Risks of Classification

Since there is a general misconception that all pedophiles are criminals, one of the central arguments is that redefining pedophilia as an orientation will lead to an increase in sex crimes against children (Bailey et al., 2016). From this perspective, reducing the stigma towards pedophiles equates to accepting adult-child sex as a societal norm. Seto (2012) described a minority of the pedophile population who believe that sexual relationships with children benefit both the child and adult, and these individuals may have self-serving motives in classifying pedophilia as an orientation. However, non-offending pedophiles consistently identify that they can control their behaviour because they understand that sex with children is harmful (Walker, 2020).

The argument against decreasing stigma towards MAPs is largely political due to the disgust and fear expressed by the general population, but there is some research that opposes the scientific perspective. Proponents for expanding the definition of sexual orientation highlight research that links gender and age orientation through similar age of onset and

permanence (Bailey et al., 2016; Grundmann et al., 2017; Seto 2012, 2016). In response to the conclusions by Grundmann et al. (2017), Tozdan and Briken (2017) argued that the unchangeable nature of pedophilia is a scientifically premature opinion and defining a mental disorder as an unchangeable personality trait strengthens its resistance to change. From this perspective, classifying age-orientation as part of sexual orientation sends a message of acceptance. This acceptance would lead to a decreased motivation for pedophiles to change their behaviour. Tozdan and Briken (2017) used self-labeling theory to describe the potentially harmful impact that reducing stigma could have on treatment plans for pedophiles. Since high self-efficacy of change leads to stronger results, they argue that telling pedophiles that they are unable to change leads to a self-fulfilling prophecy of them being unable to change their attraction (Tozdan & Briken, 2017).

Another perspective against including pedophilia in sexual orientation emphasizes the difference between coercive and non-coercive paraphilias. Coercive paraphilias are enduring sexual urges involving non-consenting individuals, and non-coercive paraphilias involve consenting individuals. Krueger et al. (2017) outlined the difference between people who

commit crimes and people with paraphilias, but they argue that all coercive paraphilias are mental disorders that require treatment since they involve non-consenting targets. This perspective aligns with the common belief that all pedophiles are criminals, and that all pedophiles will eventually harm a child.

Implications

Most participants in self-report data collected by Walker (2020) agree that they consider their pedophilic interest to be part of their sexual orientation, although some participants viewed their pedophilic interests as an illness that they must learn to live with. Since individuals with pedophilic sexual interest are at an increased risk of depression, suicidal ideation, and social exclusion, it is likely that reducing the shame associated with seeking help for pedophilic urges would improve the psychological well-being of the individual. Reducing the barriers to treatment and improving the quality of life for the MAP could reduce harm to minors by mitigating factors that could lead to offending, such as social isolation (Jahnke, 2018; Walker, 2020). The link between pedophilia and child sexual abuse is not definitive, since an estimated 50% of people who have committed sexual offences against children are not pedophiles, and not all MAPs act on their urges.

The stigma and punitive attitude towards MAPs decrease the likelihood that pedophiles will seek treatment to help cope with their urges (Imhoff & Jahnke, 2018). Differentiating between sexual attraction and criminal behaviour and understanding that pedophiles are unable to control their age-orientation towards minors but can control their behaviour are important reasons to decrease the stigma (Imhoff & Jahnke, 2018; Jahnke, 2018). Understanding the sexual attraction patterns of MAPs and increasing access to treatment could improve the lives of pedophiles and reduce their likelihood of offending (Bailey et al., 2016). From a therapeutic perspective regarding the fixed nature of pedophilia, viewing pedophilic interest as an element of sexual orientation would allow therapeutic intervention to focus on self-regulation skills rather than viewing the thoughts and urges as changeable (Seto, 2012).

Conclusion

Even though the topic continues to be controversial, the benefits of viewing pedophilia as a sexual orientation outweigh the potential political and social disadvantages. However, it is unlikely that the public perception of pedophilia will change soon due to the pervasive social stigma towards pedophiles. Even though the scientific definition of sexual orientation could be expanded to include pedophilia, advocates for harsher punishment towards pedophiles are likely to view the definition change to permit crimes against children. It is important to clarify that expanding sexual orientation to include age-orientation does not exclude pedophilia from its classification as a mental disorder in the DSM-5, and people with pedophilic orientation should seek treatment rather than accepting their attraction as the norm. Further research could compare the onset, changeability, and traits of other mental illnesses to paraphilias including

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Pedophilia and the Slippery Slope of "Born this way"

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A central claim of the gay rights movement—a claim that won the movement acceptance with the majority of Americans—was that being gay is part of who a person is, and not a choice. "Born this way," declares the title of a popular song. Another song insists, "I can't change even if I tried."

This idea of immutable sexual identity inevitably extended to other orientations and self-expressions, and any attempts to suppress or change orientation or even behavior was labeled "conversion therapy." Now that sexual orientation has been accepted as identity, anything labeled "conversion therapy" is increasingly being outlawed. Recently, a new law just passed in Canada bans conversion therapy and defines it as any "practice, treatment or service designed to change a person's sexual orientation" or "repress or reduce non-heterosexual attraction or sexual behavior."

The next stage of this rapid worldview revolution is that all kinds of identities, also based on desires and feelings, are being treated as if they are unchangeable. And, if a desire is unchangeable, the reasoning goes, a person has a right to act on it. This logic has been applied to most desires imaginable—until now.

In January, *USA Today* ran an article by Alia Dastagir titled, "The Complicated Research Behind Pedophilia." The article summarized a growing consensus among psychologists that pedophiles, too, are "born this way," and that attraction to children is unchangeable. Understandably, Dastagir doesn't call pedophilia a sexual orientation, but rather, "attraction."

Still, it isn't hard to imagine a slippery slope here. Slippery slopes are considered logical fallacies because they *don't* have to happen. However, they often *do* happen. If our society maintains the logic that desires determine identity and therefore justify behaviors, then more deviant behaviors will eventually become acceptable.

Dastagir argues that *even if* pedophilia is an unchangeable attraction caused by genetic or environmental factors, pedophiles can and must "control [their] impulses." The experts she quoted agree that people who are sexually attracted to kids have a choice whether to "act on the urge to abuse."

One psychologist and author even said that acting on pedophilia is the same as the choice to act on any other "inappropriate sexual thought." As she puts it, "Pedophiles may not have control over the fact that they are attracted to kids, but they are responsible for whether they do or don't act on it."

That psychologist continues: "Offending is devastating. It damages the lives of victims.... You can learn to control yourself. You have the capacity to do better."

The language sounds an awful lot like the kind that's been labeled "conversion therapy," or as the Canadian law puts it, an attempt to "repress or reduce a non-heterosexual attraction or sexual

behavior."

Don't misunderstand me: Pedophilia and homosexuality are not the same. As much as we critique consent as the only moral stand our culture will take, it applies here. A minor isn't developed enough to give consent. Still, the logic could be argued the same in both cases. It should also be noted that, even as pedophilia is being reconsidered an orientation, minors have been given more control over their sexual identities. If they can determine their sexual identification at younger and younger ages, how long will we prevent them from determining their sexual activities, including with adults?

Even so, the fact that social scientists and the press can avoid the logical conclusion of "born this way" for this instance shows how flawed that logic always was. Desires don't determine behavior or identity. They never did because, as human beings, we are moral agents responsible for controlling our appetites.

This slope is just really, really slippery. I'm grateful that there are still those in our culture willing to distinguish between desires and behavior, even if only in this one case. At the same time, we should press them on why this is a unique case. If the sexual revolution doesn't stop here, the consequences are quite simply unthinkable.

Pedophilia: Definition, Causes & Sexual Orientation

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Pedophilia is characterized by a sustained romantic or sexual attraction toward prepubescent children (under 13 years old) that results in significant psychological, social, and relational disturbances for those who suffer from the condition. The topic has a great deal of stigma and many people incorrectly use the term pedophile (one who has these thoughts, desires) synonymously with child molester (one who unlawfully acts on such desires).

Research is being done to better understand the causes of pedophilia, whether it reflects an age-specific sexual orientation, and how to treat people with pedophilic disorders.

What Is Pedophilia?

Pedophilia is a paraphilic disorder involving pervasive sexual fantasies, urges, or behaviors involving a prepubescent girl or boy, generally younger than 13 years of age.**1** In order to be diagnosed with pedophilia, a person must be at least 16 years-old and at least 5 years older than the children to whom they are attracted.

In order to fit the criteria for diagnosis, someone must also report significant distress or interpersonal challenges caused by their pedophilic sexually intrusive thoughts.**1**Research indicates that people with pedophilic interests may or may not commit a sexual crime against a child. Many choose to live a non-offending lifestyle and seek the support of a helping professional.**2**

“Why some adults have pedophilia is unknown. Researchers assume it is a combination of genes and environment, as everything else, but have very little information of what specific genes or what specific environmental factors. Most likely the processes that lead to pedophilia take place early, long before the individual becomes aware of his or her pedophilia, which usually happens in the late teens. One popular theory is the neurodevelopmental model, which states that pedophilia is formed

by prenatal factors, such as androgen levels in utero." — Christoffer Rahm, M.D., Ph.D., Chief Psychiatrist at Psychiatry South Stockholm, researcher at Karolinska Institute and Principal Investigator at Prevent It, an online CBT therapy program for minor-attracted individuals[31]

Is Pedophilia a Sexual Orientation?

Some research suggests that pedophilia reflects an age-specific sexual orientation.[3]Similar to a gender-based orientation (e.g. heterosexuality), awareness of pedophilic interests usually begins in early adolescence.[4]Most keep this secret due to fear and sexual shame, resulting in significant psychological and emotional distress.[5]

Some scholars believe that sexual attraction to children can change; however, most scientific investigations indicate that pedophilic interests remain stable over time, which is consistent with gender-based sexual orientation experiences.[3,5] Rather than attempting to convert an individual's age-specific sexual orientation to socially acceptable standards of sexual attraction, treatment should primarily focus on helping minor-attracted individuals to cope with their sexual urges, work through internalized stigma, and achieve self-acceptance.[5]

The Stigma of Pedophilia

At the root of stigma are stereotypes, myths, and misinformation; and this is particularly true with regard to individuals who experience an attraction to children.[6,7] Sources of public information such as media outlets tend to perpetuate myths about minor-attracted individuals, precipitating widespread social condemnation toward this population.[8]

Common misrepresentations about minor-attracted individuals include that they choose to be attracted to children, that they are dangerous, and that they will inevitably sexually offend against a child, among others.[7]Hostility against this population can be witnessed in professional contexts, including therapeutic communities, scientific publications, and academic institutions.[9] While many people with an attraction to children wish to participate in treatment, very few are able to locate a practitioner willing to view them beyond the labels and stigma attached to them.[7]

"The stigma around pedophilia causes individuals with sexual attraction to children to be viewed as destined to abuse a child. But attractions don't equal behaviors. Many of us don't act on our attractions. Not all individuals with sexual attraction to children are pedophiles and many people who engage in child sexual abuse don't have a sexual attraction to children. There are actually many people with an attraction to children who are committed to keeping children safe; however, the stigma can cause emotional distress, lack of hope for the future, and fears of being reported or rejected that make reaching out for support extremely difficult." — Amanda Ruzicka, MA, Director of Research Operations for the Moore Center for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Senior Research Associate at the Department of Mental Health at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health[32]

Rahm notes, "The stigma around pedophilia is a double-edged sword. It communicates effectively that any kind of sexual contact between an adult and a child, or any other form of sexual exploitation of children, is wrong. In that way it may help to prevent some child sexual abuse. On the other hand it is also so strong that, because of fear for the reactions they would meet, individuals

who realize they have this sexual attraction often do not dare to talk about it, not even with their closest friends or family, or their therapist. This keeps people from the help they need."
It is essential that helping professionals educate themselves about this population and their experiences of stigma in order to offer responsible and humane therapeutic services.**10** By doing so, helping professionals are indeed participating in the prevention of childhood sexual abuse and trauma. In contrast, denying minor-attracted individuals access to services based on erroneous beliefs and unfounded biases may inadvertently result in further victimization of children.**7**

Relevant Pedophilia Statistics

Here are several relevant statistics concerning pedophilia:

- Research indicates that approximately 3-5% of the population experience pedophilic attraction**12**
- The vast majority of people experiencing pedophilia are male, with only 3% of women exhibiting sexual interests in children**11**
- Studies have documented that the majority of individuals who commit sexual offenses against children do not necessarily experience a romantic or sexual attraction to them**12**
- Approximately 46% of individuals with pedophilic interests consider suicide: 32% report having a plan and 13% attempt suicide**13**
- About 41% of minor-attracted individuals who consider suicide do so before the age of 18**12**
- Approximately 85% of people with pedophilic interests expect to be misunderstood by treatment providers; 89% expect to be judged' and 76% fear that their confidentiality will be compromised**13**

What Causes Pedophilia?

The causes of pedophilic attraction remain largely misunderstood by the general public and the scientific community.**14** While no direct causal relationship can be determined, researchers have linked the development of pedophilic interests to a number of environmental and neurobiological factors. For example, some early investigations document a higher prevalence of childhood sexual abuse among people with pedophilic interests.
Factors linked to pedophilia include:

- Pathological or dysfunctional family systems
- Absence of social support in childhood
- Developmental disruptions
- Certain neurobiological factors
- Certain biological factors

Biological Factors of Pedophilia

Recent developments in neurobiology are increasingly leading to an expansion of scientific knowledge regarding the potential causes of pedophilia, but there still are no definitive answers as to what exactly causes this condition.**15,16**
Here are some of the prominent findings from investigations on neurological and biological factors associated with the development of sexual attraction to children:

- According to research, early brain development seems to play a crucial role in the

development of pedophilic interests[17,18]

- Temporal lobe and frontal cortex abnormalities have been observed among pedophilic individuals. These regions of the brain are critical for sexual and behavioral regulation, impulse control, and executive functions[15]
- Reduction of gray matter in the amygdala and hypothalamus have been found in pedophilic populations. These regions of the brain are responsible for sexual development[19]
- Atypical physiological development before birth has been found in large samples of men exhibiting attraction to children[20]
- Anatomical differences such as left-handedness and other superficial deviations from typical physiological development have been implicated in the development of pedophilic interests[20,21]
- Research has reported an association between intelligence and pedophilia. Specifically, lower IQ levels have been found in samples of pedophilic individuals[17]
- Genetic alterations that are linked to androgen, estrogen, prolactin, oxytocin, corticotropin, and serotonin have been implicated in the development of sexual behavior problems in pedophilic individuals[14]

Symptoms of Pedophilia

A diagnosis of pedophilia should specify whether someone is exclusively attracted to children or if they also experience attraction to same-age individuals. Additional specifications should consider the gender of children and if the person's sexual interest or behavior is limited to incest (sexual attraction or behavior toward a young family member).[1]

The three official symptoms of pedophilia are:[1]

1. Persistent and recurrent sexually arousing fantasies, urges, or behaviors involving a prepubescent child experienced for at least six months
2. Significant distress or interpersonal challenges caused by sexual fantasies and urges involving a prepubescent child
3. Having committed an actual sexual offense against a child.

How Is Pedophilia Diagnosed?

The initial step to diagnosis involves an assessment with a qualified licensed helping professional, such as a clinical social worker, professional counselor, psychologist, or psychiatrist. Preferably, the practitioner has also received formal training in human sexuality and holds a specialized certification in sex therapy.

Note that a diagnosis of pedophilia should not be given to anyone 16 or younger. Diagnosis should also be avoided when an individual in late adolescence (16 or 17 years-old) is involved in an ongoing sexual relationship with a peer approximately four years younger.

When Might a Practitioner Hold Off on Diagnosing Pedophilia?

Some practitioners rely on diagnosing in order to treat their clients, but others may focus on targeting specific symptoms without the use of labeling.[22] This may be an important method of client engagement considering that pedophilia carries with it the weight of social stigma.[7]Starting with a diagnosis of pedophilia without carefully assessing clients as whole individuals may lead to

further shaming them. It may also prevent therapists from establishing a strong therapeutic alliance and effectively building rapport, both of which are key elements of successful treatment engagement.[23]

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Treatment for Pedophilia

Ethical, compassionate, and competent treatment for minor-attracted individuals should focus on both sexual abuse prevention and client well-being.[23] Although no single treatment exists that offers a cure for pedophilia, several interventions have shown promise at reducing the intensity of sexual urges, improving psychosocial functioning, and decreasing risk of sexual offending.[19] Ruzicka mentions, "There is no 'one size fits all' treatment for individuals with an attraction to children. Not everyone with an attraction to children has a hard time managing their attraction. Many would like support in dealing with the emotional distress and challenges that the stigma surrounding an attraction to children can cause."

Cognitive-behavioral Therapy (CBT)

CBT is one of the most researched interventions for addressing problematic patterns of sexual arousal, and it has demonstrated some effectiveness at reducing sexual offending risk.[24] Treatment focuses on identifying cognitive distortions associated with someone's pedophilic interests, particularly those that may increase risk of sexually offending (e.g. believing that children can consent to sex with an adult). These distortions are substituted with socially-acceptable thought processes that encourage prosocial and responsible behaviors.[25]

Cognitive-behavioral therapists rely on techniques such as conditioning and reinforcement to stimulate adaptive and healthy behaviors, as well as social skills and empathy training to enhance interpersonal experiences.[26]

Psychodynamic Therapy

Psychodynamic therapy may be a more appropriate option for people wishing to explore childhood traumas, early sexual development, and personality structures.[19] From this perspective, pedophilic interests reflect unresolved conflicts that stem from disruptions during the period of psychosexual development (infancy through prepuberty).

Psychodynamic interventions address early life disturbances by targeting unconscious components of an individuals' sexual fantasies and urges.[25] Therapy may involve an exploration of parental figures and familial patterns of behavior, as these are believed to potentially play a role in the genesis of sexual deviance. By confronting childhood adversity, unresolved emotional conflicts or childhood traumas, and disturbances to psychosexual development, someone can be better

equipped to manage their pedophilic interests and establish healthier coping mechanisms.[19]

Relapse Prevention

Relapse prevention is generally used in treatment for people who have already committed sexual offenses. This approach focuses on eliminating risk factors associated with sexual abuse of children.[25] Individuals learn to anticipate emotional and behavioral triggers, as well as risk situations (e.g., viewing child pornography) that could precipitate sexual offending.

Such awareness allows people to establish effective coping strategies to counter risk factors and triggers as they appear.[24] Relapse prevention requires that someone is highly motivated to avoid sexual offending behaviors, thus it encourages self-help techniques and empathy building through education on the effects of sexual abuse on children.[25]

Strengths-Based Approaches to Therapy

Strengths-based therapists are trained to understand and appreciate the influence of the environment in identity development. Strengths-based therapy with minor-attracted individuals fosters discussions about social stigma and its impact on their emotional and psychosocial well-being.[27] While a strengths-based perspective can be integrated into most types of psychotherapies, some are more naturally suited to this approach, such as narrative therapy and compassion-focused therapy.

SSRIs

Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs) are often prescribed to help decrease sexual desire, sexual urges, and compulsive sexual behavior. This method is most commonly used with individuals who have been convicted of a sexual crime, aligning with the main objective to reduce sexual recidivism risk.[28] Minor-attracted individuals may choose to take SSRIs to treat anxiety or depression symptoms, as well as to contain sexual urges or reduce risk of sexual high-risk behaviors.[25]

Antiandrogens

Though controversial, chemical castration is another judicial response to manage severe cases of sexual offending. It intends to lower testosterone levels through administration of antiandrogen steroid hormones. Some states have specific laws that require individuals convicted of serious sexual crimes to receive this treatment.[28]

Minor-attracted individuals without a history of serious sexual offending are recommended against chemical castration due to its serious side effects.

Medications are usually accompanied by behavioral or other types of psychotherapeutic treatments, and must always be monitored by a medical provider.[25]

How to Get Help For Pedophilia

There are a few national and international organizations that connect minor-attracted individuals with trained mental health practitioners and other services. These organizations typically screen

their referral sources to ensure that each professional is properly qualified to work with this population.

Here is a short list of organizations that offer help for pedophilia:

- B4U-ACT: Provides resources for adolescents and adults experiencing minor-attraction and offers educational opportunities for providers interested in working with this population
- Virtuous Pedophiles: Online community offering social support for pedophiles who are committed to non-offending living
- Stop It Now: International organization committed to the prevention of childhood sexual abuse through education and support for individuals at risk of pepetrating sexual abuse
- Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA): International organization for the prevention of childhood sexual abuse through research and education
- Help Wanted: Online course providing tools for individuals who are attracted to children
- The Global Prevention Project: Organization/podcast promoting mental wellness and prevention of childhood sexual abuse through intervention.

Coping Strategies for Individuals With Pedophilia

There is no cure for pedophilia; however, people can acquire tools to manage their pedophilic attraction and concurrent sexual urges.**6** Appropriate and healthy coping enables minor-attracted individuals to improve their self-esteem and achieve acceptance of their condition. As a result, they may experience healthier relationships, have access to more resources, and create a life for themselves that isn't consumed by shame.**23**

Coping strategies should be personalized whenever possible. While adopting conventional tools to manage stress and crisis situations is generally helpful, it is best that people unearth their own strengths and develop skills that are customized according to their personal values and needs.**29,27** Because shame, anxiety, and hopelessness often take control of a minor-attracted individual's cognitive and emotional experiences, it is recommended for them to remain active and engaged in various aspects of their lives.**7**

Here are eight coping strategies for minor-attracted individuals:**6,23,29,30**

1. Self-education (learning about pedophilia from appropriate sources)
2. Joining online peer support groups
3. Participating in research, helping advance scientific knowledge can provide a sense of accomplishment and agency
4. Practicing healthy relationship skills with same-age friends
5. Journaling to externalize feelings of shame and other emotional difficulties
6. Embracing movement, creating or engaging in new projects that expand sense of self and identity
7. Participating in activities to keep occupied and motivated
8. Some individuals benefit from involvement in religious and faith communities

Final Thoughts on Pedophilia

People with pedophilia experience significant social and interpersonal barriers due to their own shame and social stigma. This frequently prevents them from accessing treatment. Regardless of

specialization, helping professionals should be willing to share relevant resources when needed. Helping minor-attracted individuals maintain their commitment to a non-offending lifestyle is prevention against childhood sexual abuse. For minor-attracted individuals who are seeking help: don't give up, help is out there.

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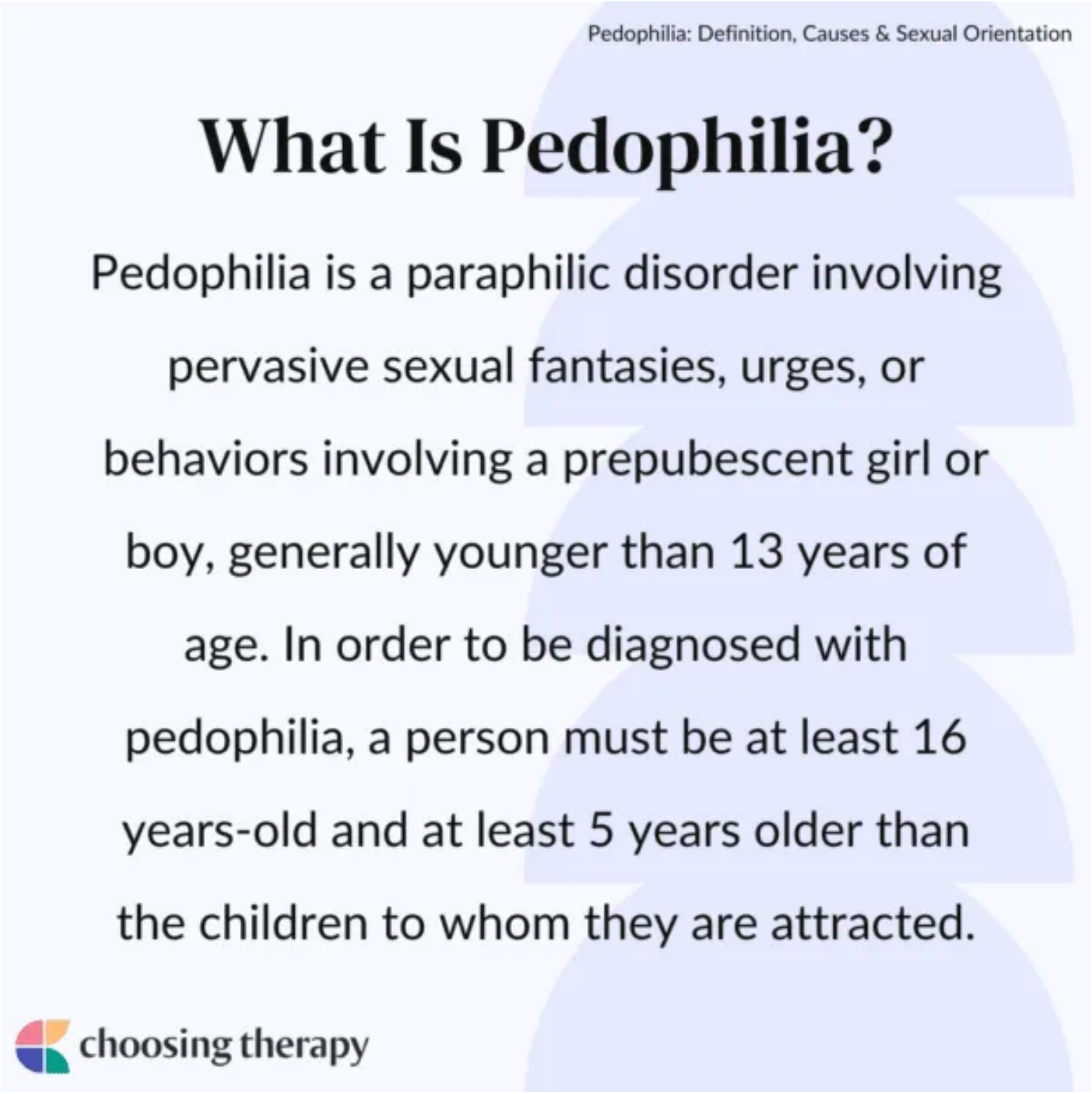
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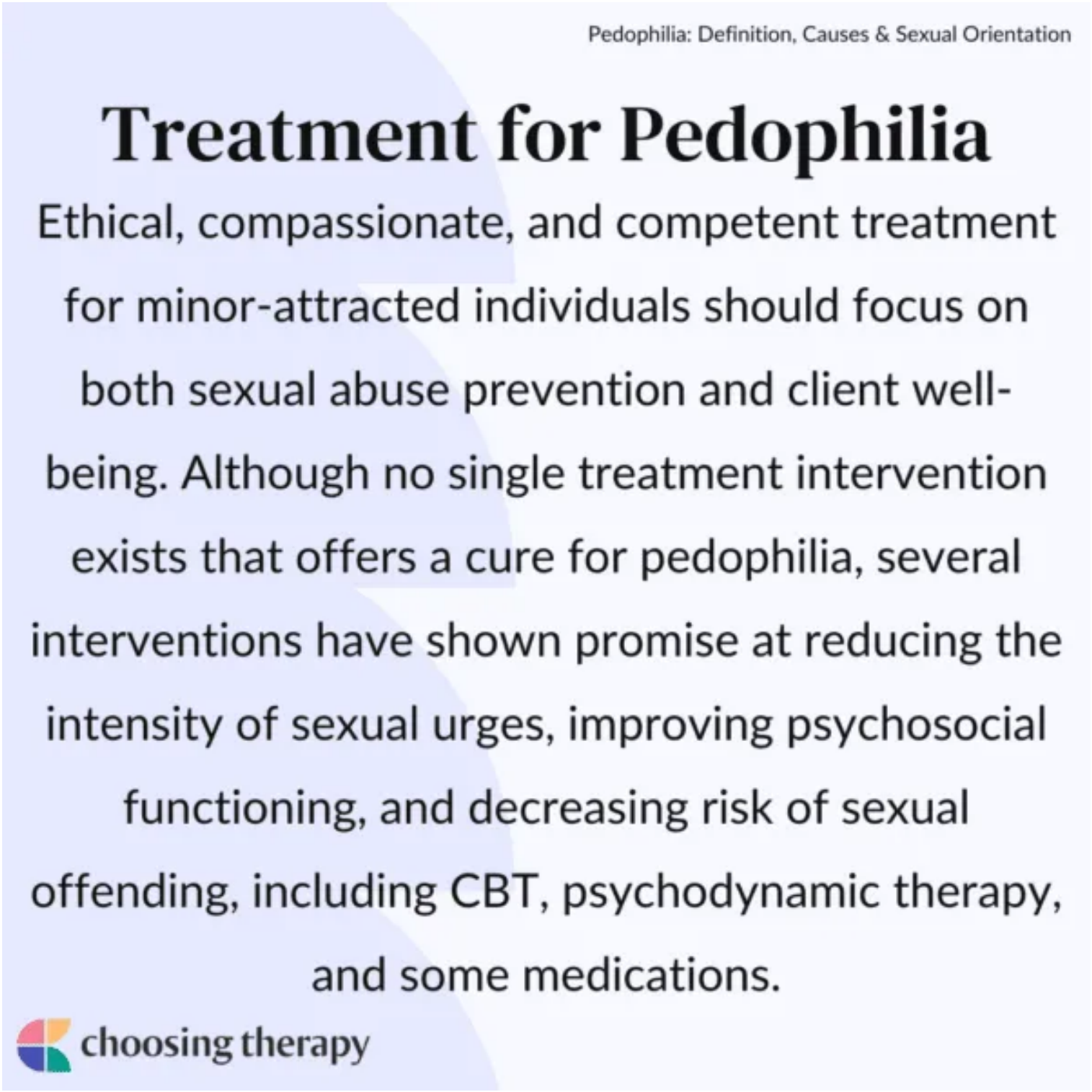
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Cognitive-behavioral Therapy (CBT)

CBT is one of the most researched interventions for addressing problematic patterns of sexual arousal, and it has demonstrated some effectiveness at reducing sexual offending risk.[24] Treatment focuses on identifying cognitive distortions associated with someone's pedophilic interests, particularly those that may increase risk of sexually offending (e.g. believing that children can consent to sex with an adult). These distortions are substituted with socially-acceptable

thought processes that encourage prosocial and responsible behaviors.[25]
Cognitive-behavioral therapists rely on techniques such as conditioning and reinforcement to stimulate adaptive and healthy behaviors, as well as social skills and empathy training to enhance interpersonal experiences.[26]

Psychodynamic Therapy

Psychodynamic therapy may be a more appropriate option for people wishing to explore childhood traumas, early sexual development, and personality structures.[19] From this perspective, pedophilic interests reflect unresolved conflicts that stem from disruptions during the period of psychosexual development (infancy through prepuberty).
Psychodynamic interventions address early life disturbances by targeting unconscious components of an individuals' sexual fantasies and urges.[25] Therapy may involve an exploration of parental figures and familial patterns of behavior, as these are believed to potentially play a role in the genesis of sexual deviance. By confronting childhood adversity, unresolved emotional conflicts or childhood traumas, and disturbances to psychosexual development, someone can be better equipped to manage their pedophilic interests and establish healthier coping mechanisms.[19]

Relapse Prevention

Relapse prevention is generally used in treatment for people who have already committed sexual offenses. This approach focuses on eliminating risk factors associated with sexual abuse of children.[25] Individuals learn to anticipate emotional and behavioral triggers, as well as risk situations (e.g., viewing child pornography) that could precipitate sexual offending.
Such awareness allows people to establish effective coping strategies to counter risk factors and triggers as they appear.[24] Relapse prevention requires that someone is highly motivated to avoid sexual offending behaviors, thus it encourages self-help techniques and empathy building through education on the effects of sexual abuse on children.[25]

Strengths-Based Approaches to Therapy

Strengths-based therapists are trained to understand and appreciate the influence of the environment in identity development. Strengths-based therapy with minor-attracted individuals fosters discussions about social stigma and its impact on their emotional and psychosocial well-being.[27] While a strengths-based perspective can be integrated into most types of psychotherapies, some are more naturally suited to this approach, such as narrative therapy and compassion-focused therapy.

SSRIs

Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs) are often prescribed to help decrease sexual desire, sexual urges, and compulsive sexual behavior. This method is most commonly used with individuals who have been convicted of a sexual crime, aligning with the main objective to reduce sexual recidivism risk.[28] Minor-attracted individuals may choose to take SSRIs to treat anxiety or depression symptoms, as well as to contain sexual urges or reduce risk of sexual high-risk behaviors.[25]

Antiandrogens

Though controversial, chemical castration is another judicial response to manage severe cases of sexual offending. It intends to lower testosterone levels through administration of antiandrogen steroid hormones. Some states have specific laws that require individuals convicted of serious sexual crimes to receive this treatment.[28]

Minor-attracted individuals without a history of serious sexual offending are recommended against chemical castration due to its serious side effects.

Medications are usually accompanied by behavioral or other types of psychotherapeutic treatments, and must always be monitored by a medical provider.[25]

How to Get Help For Pedophilia

There are a few national and international organizations that connect minor-attracted individuals with trained mental health practitioners and other services. These organizations typically screen their referral sources to ensure that each professional is properly qualified to work with this population.

Here is a short list of organizations that offer help for pedophilia:

- B4U-ACT: Provides resources for adolescents and adults experiencing minor-attraction and offers educational opportunities for providers interested in working with this population
- Virtuous Pedophiles: Online community offering social support for pedophiles who are committed to non-offending living
- Stop It Now: International organization committed to the prevention of childhood sexual abuse through education and support for individuals at risk of pepetrating sexual abuse
- Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA): International organization for the prevention of childhood sexual abuse through research and education
- Help Wanted: Online course providing tools for individuals who are attracted to children
- The Global Prevention Project: Organization/podcast promoting mental wellness and prevention of childhood sexual abuse through intervention.

Coping Strategies for Individuals With Pedophilia

There is no cure for pedophilia; however, people can acquire tools to manage their pedophilic attraction and concurrent sexual urges.[6] Appropriate and healthy coping enables minor-attracted individuals to improve their self-esteem and achieve acceptance of their condition. As a result, they may experience healthier relationships, have access to more resources, and create a life for themselves that isn't consumed by shame.[23]

Coping strategies should be personalized whenever possible. While adopting conventional tools to manage stress and crisis situations is generally helpful, it is best that people unearth their own strengths and develop skills that are customized according to their personal values and needs.[29,27] Because shame, anxiety, and hopelessness often take control of a minor-attracted individual's cognitive and emotional experiences, it is recommended for them to remain active and engaged in various aspects of their lives.[7]

Here are eight coping strategies for minor-attracted individuals:[6,23,29,30]

1. Self-education (learning about pedophilia from appropriate sources)
2. Joining online peer support groups
3. Participating in research, helping advance scientific knowledge can provide a sense of accomplishment and agency
4. Practicing healthy relationship skills with same-age friends
5. Journaling to externalize feelings of shame and other emotional difficulties
6. Embracing movement, creating or engaging in new projects that expand sense of self and identity
7. Participating in activities to keep occupied and motivated
8. Some individuals benefit from involvement in religious and faith communities

Final Thoughts on Pedophilia

People with pedophilia experience significant social and interpersonal barriers due to their own shame and social stigma. This frequently prevents them from accessing treatment. Regardless of specialization, helping professionals should be willing to share relevant resources when needed. Helping minor-attracted individuals maintain their commitment to a non-offending lifestyle is prevention against childhood sexual abuse. For minor-attracted individuals who are seeking help: don't give up, help is out there.

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Is pedophilia a sexual orientation or a mental disorder?

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There are some different claims being made that pedophilia is a sexual orientation rather than a mental disorder.

At the moment there seems to be a growing group of psychologists advocating that pedophilia is, or

at least should be considered a sexual orientation rather than a mental disorder.

For example:

GOOD: You're a member of a growing group of psychologists who say pedophilia should be considered a sexual orientation. Why?

Quinsey: Part of the definition of pedophilia is a person has a preference for a particular kind of partner. [...] pedophiles, unlike other men, show substantial sexual interest in prepubescent children. As far as we know—and many people have tried—these sexual interests are not modifiable by any method that's been tried yet. So it appears like pedophilia is a sexual orientation. [...] You also can't modify that interest; it's stable through adulthood, just like pedophilia.

Another example:

"Pedophiles are not simply people who commit a small offence from time to time but rather are grappling with what is equivalent to a sexual orientation just like another individual may be grappling with heterosexuality or even homosexuality," emphasized Van Gijseghem.

"True pedophiles have an exclusive preference for children, which is the same as having a sexual orientation. You cannot change this person's sexual orientation." He added, however: "He may however remain abstinent."

There is also an advocacy/support group for people attracted to minors, B4UACT, who state in a section from their website(emphasis mine):

Why do you say that minor-attracted people are stereotyped?

Popular beliefs about minor-attracted people are not supported by the evidence. Research shows that they are no more violent or aggressive than the general population, nor do they suffer from psychopathology or personality disorders. **As a group, they do not share any particular characteristics or behaviors other than their feelings of attraction.**

As I understand things mental disorders tend to have observable associated symptoms, while a sexual orientation would not as it is just an instinctive attraction (in the general sense of the term).

Are there studies that suggest that pedophilia is a sexual orientation? Do traits typically associated with a mental disorder apply to pedophilia?

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If you are looking for references, the a simple google scholar search provides plenty. Further, following just one step from the news article you site, and going to Vernon Quinsey's homepage provides plenty of information. Why is that info not satisfactory? I don't think this question meets our criteria on initial research. – Artem Kaznatcheev
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Mar 10, 2012 at 23:53

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This is an interesting question, but it has nothing to do with cognitive science. The classification of something as a mental disorder is a sociological, philosophical, legal, normative question, but not a cognitive one. For example, if someone likes the smell of vomit, is that a mental disorder? If he likes it so much that he smears all his clothes in vomit? – Ofri Raviv
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Mar 14, 2012 at 19:57

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@OfriRaviv, I guess I didn't make my point clear.The only symptom of being heterosexual is a sexual attraction to members of the opposite sex. Is the only symptom of pedophilia a sexual attraction to pre-pubescent children, or are there are additional symptoms which are also generally ascribed to mental disorders? If you say it is *only* a matter of terminology perhaps you could support that and provide it as a answer.– Sonny Ordell

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Mar 15, 2012 at 9:53

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What does it mean that "The *only* symptom of being heterosexual is a sexual attraction to members of the opposite sex" ? We can surely find measures in which heterosexual men are different, as a group, from homosexual men, besides their sexual preference - average number of sexual partners in a year, amount of body hair, number of annual visits to a theater, etc. Do any of these qualify as a symptom of being heterosexual/homosexual? (my examples are based on the common stereotypes, not actual research, but the point is, such group differences exist, even if the ones I mention are incorrect). – Ofri Raviv
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Mar 15, 2012 at 11:36

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@OfriRaviv I feel that I've laid this out quite clearly in this and the other questiondedicated to this topic. A paraphilia has symptoms (for lack of a better word) such as intense recurring dreams that are not typically associated with a more common orientation. If you disagree then please give an answer, as at the moment I feel like you are just playing with semantics. – Sonny Ordell
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Before trying to give any sort of answer, it is important to address a common misconception. In popular culture, the terms child-molester and pedophile are often equated. Scientifically, they are not at all the same. The approximate scientific definition for a pedophile is:

an individual that has an unwavering sexual attraction to prepubescent children similar to attraction heterosexual men have for women

This means that **a pedophile might or might not molest children**, and a **child-molester might or might not be a pedophile**. Further, implicit in this definition is a close resemblance to a sexual orientation, and if you want a through and careful discussion of this (much better than my answer) then read:

Seto, M.C (2012) Is Pedophilia a Sexual Orientation? *Archives of Sexual Behavior* 41(1): 231-236.

Now, the actually relevant scientific discussion (as opposed to merely a semantic distinction) is

threefold: (1) can pedophilia be considered a choice in the legal sense? (2) what causes it? (3) can it be treated?

Note that for what we typically consider sexual orientations, questions (1) and (3) have clear answers: no, and no. However, for mental disorders, all permutations of answers to (1) and (3) are possible. Thus, answering these questions does not let you clear up semantic ambiguity.

To start with question (2): in broad strokes Blanchard, et al. (1999) and Cantor, et al. (2004) suggest that pedophilia has a prenatal cause. For question (3) there has been no evidence to suggest that pedophilia can be treated or "cured", much like how you cannot "cure" homosexuality. This lead to Van Gijseghem expert testimony before the Canadian Parliment's Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights that you quote from in your question. He concludes that pedophilia cannot be 'cured' through penal intervention. However, it is possible for a pedophile to abstain from becoming a child-molester.

This leaves us question (1), the legal part of this. In Canada, **being a pedophile *is not* a crime**, but **molesting children *is* a crime**. The status of pedophilia as a mental disorder or sexual orientation is irrelevant to this since both mental status and sexual orientation are protected by Canadian law as long as they do not infringe on other's rights. To help pedophiles abstain from molesting children there is the Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA) program (note: it deals with all kinds of sexual offenders, not just child-molesters). This program is aimed to manage and not 'cure'. Wilson et al. (2007, 2009) have shown that CoSA produces dramatic decrease in re-offence rates for sexual offenders.

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- Can't say I know much about this but a PT blog by a US psych prof is rather critical of the US and Canadian system compared to the German one... although it might just be a case of the

grass seeming greener on the other side of the pond. And if they do offend, pedophiles are quite likely to get indefinite civil commitment theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/sep/26/... – got trolled too much this week
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Dec 19, 2017 at 19:12

Hi Artem. Thanks for rectifying that broken link. – Chris Rogers
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I think it's important to clarify that pedophilia is currently classified by the DSM IV as a ***paraphilia***. A paraphilia is as a "recurrent, intense sexually arousing fantasies, sexual urges, or behaviors generally involving non-human objects, the suffering or humiliation of oneself or one's partner, children, non-consenting persons.

The word "paraphilia" is considered by most to be pejorative.

It's interesting to note that until 1973, homosexuality was classified as a paraphilia. It was considered as deviant as pedophilia is currently. Today, homosexuality is classified as a sexual orientation.

The current edition, DSM-IV, categorizes pedophilia as a disorder only if the sexual fantasies or urges involve prepubescent children (defined as 13 or younger), if they last at least six months, if the individual has acted on them, or if they cause marked distress (including legal problems). The DSM-IV also specifies that a person be at least 16 years old and at least five years older than the prepubescent child.

The draft version of DSM-V, now undergoing review, proposes several changes to the diagnosis of pedophilia. One is to expand the definition of this disorder to include hebephilia, an attraction to children who are going through puberty. The hybrid category, pedohebephilia, would consist of the pedophilic type (attracted to prepubescent children, generally younger than 11), the hebephilic type (attracted to pubescent children, usually ages 11 through 14), and the pedohebephilic type (attracted to both). In another significant change, the draft suggests that the use of pornography depicting prepubescent or pubescent children for six months or longer should be considered a symptom of pedohebephilia.

The key points the article makes are these:

- **Pedophilia is a sexual orientation and unlikely to change**. Treatment aims to enable someone to resist acting on his sexual urges.
- **No intervention is likely to work on its own**; outcomes may be better when the patient is motivated and treatment combines psychotherapy and medication.
- Parents should be aware that **in most sexual abuse cases** involving children, **the perpetrator is**

someone the child knows.

Pessimism About Pedophilia - Harvard Mental Health Letter - Harvard Health Publications - Harvard Medical School - July 2010

The article goes on to discuss that regardless of classification (paraphilia versus sexual orientation) the focus on pedophilia will have to be on treatment to prevent the pedophile from acting out on his/her sexual urges.

Anecdotally, when in a training on community sex offender management probably, oh, five years ago, the trainer classified three main sexual orientations: homosexuality, heterosexuality, and pedophilia. I remember being so taken aback by this, as I had never even remotely thought of pedophilia as a sexual orientation. In this training, bisexuality was not represented as a sexual orientation, but a note was made of it between homosexuality and heterosexuality on the triangle-shaped chart the trainer was using.

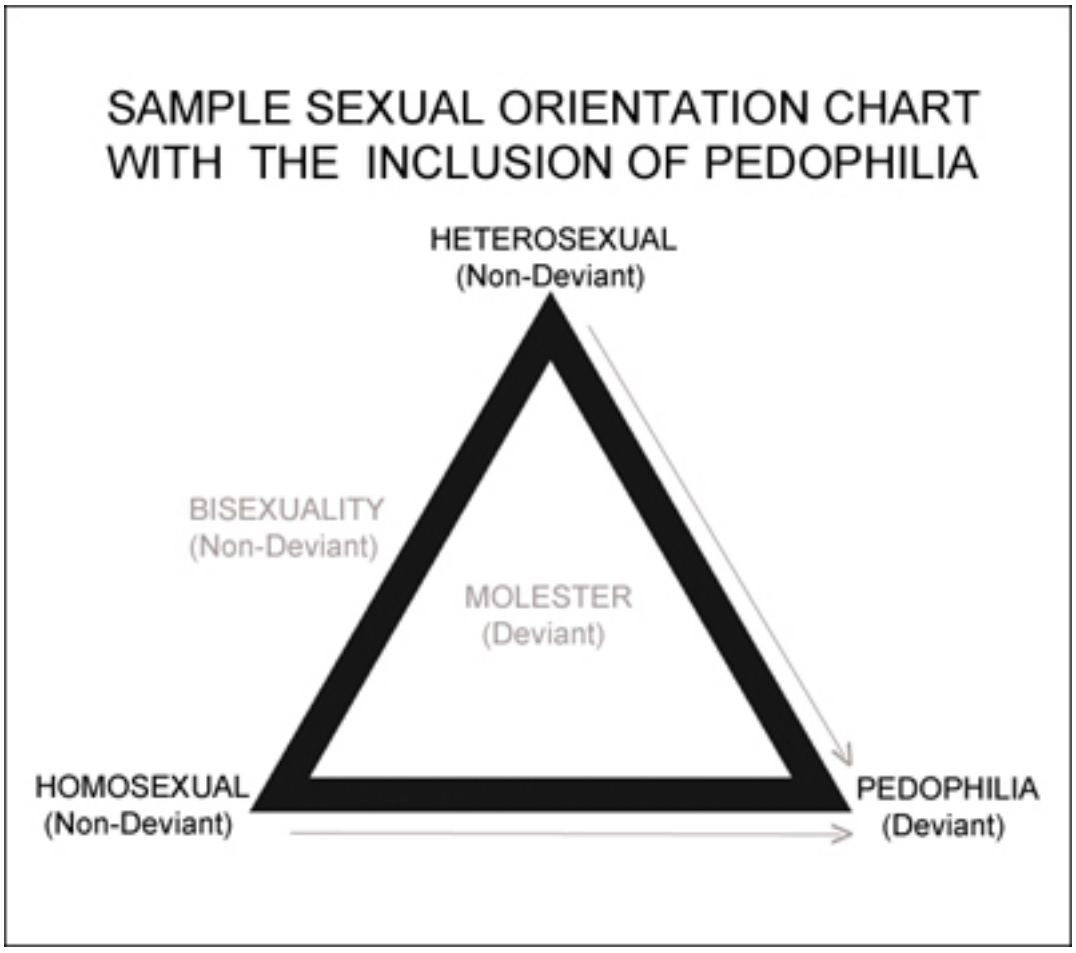
According to the Wikipedia's entry on sexual orientation, the American Psychiatric Association (APA) has stated, "some people believe that sexual orientation is innate and fixed; however, sexual orientation develops across a person's lifetime". The APA also says that **"most people experience little or no sense of choice about their sexual orientation"**. Wikipedia - Sexual OrientationNote: the article elaborates, so you might want to read it in its entirety.

I think there is the impression that if pedophilia is classified as a sexual orientation then it is somehow condoning pedophilia. I disagree that this is true. Assigning *any* sexual orientation is merely a classification; it just so happens that pedophilia would be, technically, a *criminal*sexual orientation. I personally see validity in the classification of pedophilia as a sexual orientation, having had a good deal of training that focuses on sex offenders, and pedophiles in particular most of the time. That said, I recognize it's a very controversial topic.

Edited to Add: I wanted to update this answer with information about pedophilia as a sexual orientation and the difference between pedophilia and (child) molestation.

First, I want to reiterate ***regardless*** of classification (paraphilia versus sexual orientation) ***the focus on pedophilia will have to be on treatment to prevent the pedophile from acting out on his/her sexual urges***. You might be interested in this quick read, No Known Cure.

These statistics are circa 2008 and the source is the trainers from the Colorado Sex Offender Management Board (SOMB). The following chart shows the proposal for classifying pedophilia as a sexual orientation, rather than a paraphilia.



Heterosexuality (non-deviant), homosexuality (non-deviant), and pedophilia (deviant) are defined as the three main sexual orientations. I included bisexuality (non-deviant) as being on the spectrum of sexual orientation, and child molestation (deviant) separate from the sexual orientation spectrum, because molestation is often an opportunistic event rather than an ingrained paraphilia or orientation, and can be non-preferential when it comes to victims.

Why would pedophilia be considered a sexual orientation? (The following is from my notes and I cannot cite specific sources for, say, MRI studies). Pedophiles are sexually attracted to **children**. It is not a matter of seeing pedophiles who are attracted to the same or opposite sex; it is a matter of being attracted to **children** *in general*. Often pedophiles will fixate on prepubescent boys, but if you look at a pedophile's offense history (if they are involved in the criminal justice system) you will find a preponderance of male victims. However, a male-fixated pedophile will also have sexual contact with females when males are not available, which *is* circumstantial, but the point is pedophiles are sexually aroused by **children**. Pedophilia is like heterosexuality or homosexuality in that *it is innate*. It it not a *sought after* or *chosen* sexual orientation.

MRI studies have shown there are brain differences in pedophiles; there are areas of the brain that are "missing" or show dark spots or "holes" where gray matter should be. (I'm sorry my notes don't specify which part of the brain is involved)

In comparison, persons who molest a child, but who are not pedophiles, are more opportunistic about their crime(s). As far as sexual orientation goes, a pedophile's orientation is to children; a

molester's orientation is to his/her peers, whether heterosexual or homosexual. A pedophile's attraction to children is permanent; a molester's is temporary. The average number of pedophiles who had sexual contact with a child by the age of 19 or younger is 74%; the average number of molesters who had sexual contact with a child by the age of 19 or younger is 57%. The average victim target for pedophiles are males under the age of 13; for molesters, the average target are females approximately the age of 13. Pedophiles are typically not in a relationship or marriage, or are in a marriage of convenience; molesters are typically in a relationship or marriage.
Yet, in opposition to the position that pedophilia is a sexual orientation, there are also statements like this from the SOMB, the same board that provided the training on pedophila as a sexual orientation. Go figure! Anyhow, it says:
Sexual offenses are defined by law and may or may not be associated with or accompanied by the characteristics of sexual deviance which are described as paraphilias. Some sex offenders also have co-existing conditions such as mental disorders, organic disorders, or substance abuse problems.

Many offenders can learn through treatment to manage their sexual offending behaviors and decrease their risk of re-offense. Such behavioral management should not, however, be considered a “cure” and successful treatment cannot permanently eliminate the risk that sex offenders may repeat their offenses.

No Known Cure Position Paper -- Colorado Department of Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Sex Offender Management Board
I hope this information is useful and not just a lot of jargon to wade through.
Edited to Add: Per your request, a couple paragraphs on paraphilias and mental disorders. Currently, the DSM-IV-TR classifies paraphilia as an Axis I mental disorder (you will also find mental illnesses on Axis I, such as mood disorders, schizophrenia, anxiety disorders, and dysthymia or unipolar depression). The DSM-IV-TR does differentiate between a latent paraphilia, consenting adults engaging in sexual activity that includes paraphilic interest(s), and an active paraphilia *in which harm is caused to another person*. It is only the latter that is classified as a mental disorder. Is it inherently a mental disorder to have a paraphilia? No. It becomes a mental disorder when acting upon one's paraphilia causes victimization and harm to another person.
Interestingly, some studies have found a solid co-morbidity of paraphilia and other Axis I mental illnesses. For example, A DSM-IV Axis I comorbidity study of males (n = 120) with paraphilias and paraphilia-related disorders (US National Library of Medicine, National Institute of Health). One interesting statistic from the aforementioned paper: *The prevalence of any ADHD in the sex offender paraphiliacs was 43.3%, and nearly 25% of offenders were diagnosed with ADHD-combined subtype*. Of course one sentence is out of context, so I encourage you to read the abstract in full. As a major symptom of ADHD is impulsivity, I found it a fascinating correlation.
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edited Jan 31, 2014 at 4:38

user3116

answered Mar 11, 2012 at 1:01

Catharsis

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  On The APA site regarding homosexuality it states *The experts found that homosexuality does not meet the criteria to be considered a mental illness.* which implies to me that there must be more to a paraphilia than just attraction. The wiki page on paraphilia seems to support that this is the view held at the moment, with there being different causes and symptoms. What I want to know is if there is any support that pedophilia is any different from homo/heterosexuality or if it is "more" than an orientation. I hope that makes sense– Sonny Ordell

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  Mar 11, 2012 at 13:35

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  @SonnyOrdell - My general understanding of sexual development is that it is a long-term, complex process with many factors that influence its progression. I would imagine that sexual development certainly starts in childhood and continues through to adulthood. *All* sexual development begins in childhood, if I'm remembering my Developmental Psychology correctly. A paraphilia is considered a deviance, no matter the age the paraphilia initiates. Basically, a paraphilia is characterized as "a type of mental disorder characterized by a preference for or obsession with unusual sexual practices." :) – Catharsis

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  Mar 12, 2012 at 3:20

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  @SonnyOrdell -- Please remember that SE is not for debating subjective interpretations of fact. Your pronouncement that pedophilia should not be considered criminal is irrelevant to the scope of your question. We are not here to debate or interpret; we are here to share hard facts and provide objective information. That you don't like that pedophilia is a criminal offense does not render my answer incorrect; it seems you came into this question with a pre-determined POV. If you prefer the Wiki to shared practical experience, that is your right. I'm adding some info to my answer. – Catharsis

Commented
Mar 29, 2012 at 18:43
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I do not have a predetermined POV, I certainly lean towards it being a sexual orientation, but am interested in what the facts show. You are very much **incorrect** that pedophilia is a criminal offense. That is not up for debate. Child Molestation is a criminal offense. Pedophilia is either a mental disorder or a sexual orientation, neither of which can be a criminal offense. I do appreciate you expanding your answer, but unless you understand the difference between pedophilia and child molestation, there is no way I could ever accept your answer as correct.– Sonny Ordell
Commented
Mar 31, 2012 at 8:54
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@SonnyOrdell -- let me reword what I'm trying to say. Pedophilia is considered either a paraphilia or a sexual orientation. Being a pedophile is not inherently criminal if the pedophile does not act on his/her sexual urges. If a pedophile initiates sexual contact with a child *then* it crosses the line to criminal offense. I hope this is more clear. I do know the difference between a pedophile and a molester and will include that in my revised answer, which I hope you will give new consideration. – Catharsis
Commented
Mar 31, 2012 at 19:23
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Is pedophilia a sexual orientation?

The common definition of *"sexual orientation"* is:

A preference for sexual partners of a specific **gender**.

The common definition of *"pedophilia"* is:

A preference for sexual partners of a specific **age** (prepubescent).

Since age is not the same as gender, it follows that pedophilia is not a sexual orientation by definition.

Is pedophilia a disorder?

Pedophilia is a disorder according to the current diagnostic system DSM-5 only if a child is actually abused (Criterion B of the DSM-5 diagnostic criteria):

Most people with atypical sexual interests do not have a mental disorder. To be diagnosed with a paraphilic disorder, DSM-5 requires that people with these interests:

• feel personal distress about their interest, not merely distress resulting from society's disapproval; or

• have a sexual desire or behavior that involves another person's psychological distress, injury, or death, or a desire for sexual behaviors involving unwilling persons or persons unable to give legal consent

See this question for a distinction between paraphilia and paraphilic disorder: Is paraphilia a

disorder?

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answered Jan 31, 2014 at 5:41

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  Well said. In addition, people in don't generally fall out of love with someone just because they get past a certain age. That's where there's a major difference in the two.– kevingreen

  Commented

  Jan 31, 2014 at 19:50

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  @kevingreen that is not exactly factual– user3832

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  Feb 1, 2014 at 9:55

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  there are many men who are exclusively attracted to women in their prime like via porn and after their wives leave their prime they loose intrest. – user3832

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  Feb 1, 2014 at 10:06

  there is also a cougar exclusive group of men which is large as well – user3832

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  Feb 1, 2014 at 10:13

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  I down voted this, because an answer giving definitions that I am already familiar with, by virtue of asking the question, is not an answer. – Sonny Ordell

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  Feb 6, 2014 at 17:27

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I'm just gonna point out that in the DSM-5 there's a new distinction (in general) between a paraphilia and a paraphilic disorder. While nothing else changed in the operational definition given

in the manual, in DSM-5 the formerly known pedophilia (of DSM-IV) is now called pedophilic disorder. The official change notice says:

In the case of pedophilic disorder, the notable detail is what wasn't revised in the new manual. Although proposals were discussed throughout the DSM-5 development process, diagnostic criteria ultimately remained the same as in DSM-IV TR. Only the disorder name will be changed from pedophilia to pedophilic disorder to maintain consistency with the chapter's other listings).

And the guy who was apparently in charge of this, Ray Blanchard, said specifically:

If you take [an] individual who has a very strong erotic attraction for children, but who has never acted on it, who never would act on it, who agrees that society's prohibition of adult child sexual interactions should be in place, do you want to say this individual has a mental disorder?

So the DSM-5 position is not that pedophilia is a "sexual orientation", but that it might not always be a disorder either... just a paraphilia (with the new definition thereof). The latter is defined in DSM-5 as:

[A]ny intense and persistent sexual interest other than sexual interest in genital stimulation or preparatory fondling with phenotypically normal, physically mature, consenting human partners.

A review-ish article concludes (on the classification issue) by saying that

Paraphilias occupy an uneasy place in psychiatric nosology.

And also note that the American Psychological Association disagreed with the Psychiatric one by saying explicitly in a 2013 press release:

The American Psychological Association maintains that pedophilia is a mental disorder;

And Seto's paper (pointed out by Artem) says that

pedophilia can be viewed as a sexual age orientation based on the more limited evidence available regarding its age of onset, associations with sexual and romantic behavior, and stability over time.

Note however that word 'age' is key here in the distinction he makes later:

But what about the legal and social implications? In particular, what impact might there be in conceptualizing pedophilia as a sexual age orientation, based on empirical evidence, akin to sexual gender orientation such as heterosexuality or homosexuality? For example, there are anti-discrimination laws or policies that specifically mention ''sexual orientation'' as grounds for redress. The makers of these laws and policies surely had sexual gender orientation in mind, not sexual age orientation.

So basically his answer is that calling pedophilia a sexual orientation is unacceptable in society, because of the widespread use of "sexual orientation" referring only to gender orientation, the consequences of which (sexual acts) are lawful (well, in most of the world), whereas acting on pedophlia impulses breaks the law almost everywhere, and this is unlikely to change.

The DSM-5 apparently did (for a brief time) describe in one place (a discussion section) pedophilia as a sexual orientation, however this was described as an error that was fixed in November 2013:

The phrase "sexual orientation" was used erroneously in the discussion section about pedophilia in the recently released fifth edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders

(DSM-5).
In a press release, the American Psychiatric Association (APA) notes that the correct terminology is "sexual interest" and that it will correct the error in the manual's electronic version and in the next print edition.
"Sexual orientation is not a term used in the diagnostic criteria for pedophilic disorder, and its use in the DSM-5 text discussion is an error," said the organization in its statement.
The APA adds pedophilic disorder is a "paraphilia" and not a sexual orientation. Other paraphilic disorders included in the manual include exhibitionistic disorder, sexual sadism disorder, and fetishistic disorder.
It surely didn't help the Psychiatric Association's image that the discovery of the error was apparently made public by an evangelical Christian magazine.
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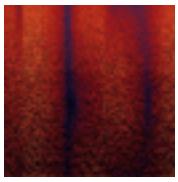

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"APA stands firmly behind efforts to criminally prosecute those who sexually abuse and exploit children and adolescents. We also support continued efforts to develop treatments for those with pedophilic disorder with the goal of preventing future acts of abuse," the association adds.

A communiqué released by the APA before the DSM-5 was released discussed changes from the DSM- IV-TR, and noted that there had been much discussion within the Sexual and Gender Identity Disorders Work Group about this particular disorder. However, "the notable detail is what wasn't revised in the new manual."

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The APA notes in its latest release that the newly discovered "pedophilic disorder text error" will be corrected.

Experts: Pedophilia is a sexual orientation

By ADRIENNE CUTWAY and ORLANDO SENTINEL

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The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health has found through a decade of research that rather than being a disease caused by environmental factors, pedophilia is more like a sexual orientation - something rooted in the brain that can't be changed, according to The Star.

Furthermore, the research states that about 1 to 5 percent of men are pedophiles who are attracted to children. There are several similarities among these men, including below average height, being left handed or ambidextrous and have IQs that are about 10 or 15 points lower than average, The Star reports.

The article goes on to point out the difference between pedophiles and sex offenders, stating that the two don't necessarily go hand-in-hand. It highlights websites that have been created for pedophiles to create a system of support in an attempt to not abuse children.

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Many experts now view pedophilia as a sexual orientation

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Pedophilia once was thought to stem from psychological influences early in life, but now, many experts view it as a deep-rooted predisposition that does not change.

Times reporter Alan Zarembo will join city editor Shelby Grad at 3 p.m. in a Google+ hangout to discuss the origins of pedophilia, which is limited almost entirely to men and becomes clear during puberty and does not change.

Paul Christiano's desire for young girls remained stuck in time as he neared adulthood. Despite a stable home life in suburban Chicago, he was tortured by urges he knew could land him in prison.

In 1999, Christiano was caught buying child pornography. Now 36, he said he has never molested a child, but after five years of state-ordered therapy, the attraction remains.

In his Tuesday article, Zarembo wrote:

The best estimates are that between 1% and 5% of men are pedophiles, meaning that they have a dominant attraction to prepubescent children.

Not all pedophiles molest children. Nor are all child molesters pedophiles. Studies show that about half of all molesters are not sexually attracted to their victims. They often have personality disorders or violent streaks, and their victims are typically family members.

By contrast, pedophiles tend to think of children as romantic partners and look beyond immediate relatives. They include chronic abusers familiar from the headlines — Catholic priests, coaches and generations of Boy Scout leaders.

O the pedophiles are 'good people who are struggling,' said Dr. Fred Berlin, a psychiatrist who heads the Johns Hopkins Sexual Behaviors Consultation Unit. 'They're tortured souls fighting like heck not to do this. We do virtually nothing in terms of reaching out to these folks. We drive it underground.'

[...]

Most clinicians have given up on changing the sexual orientation of pedophiles in favor of teaching the how to resist their unacceptable desires.

Experts believe that pedophiles who also have a significant attraction to adults stand the best chance of staying out of trouble, because of their capacity for some sexual fulfillment that is legal. For others, injections of hormones to reduce sex drive are often recommended.

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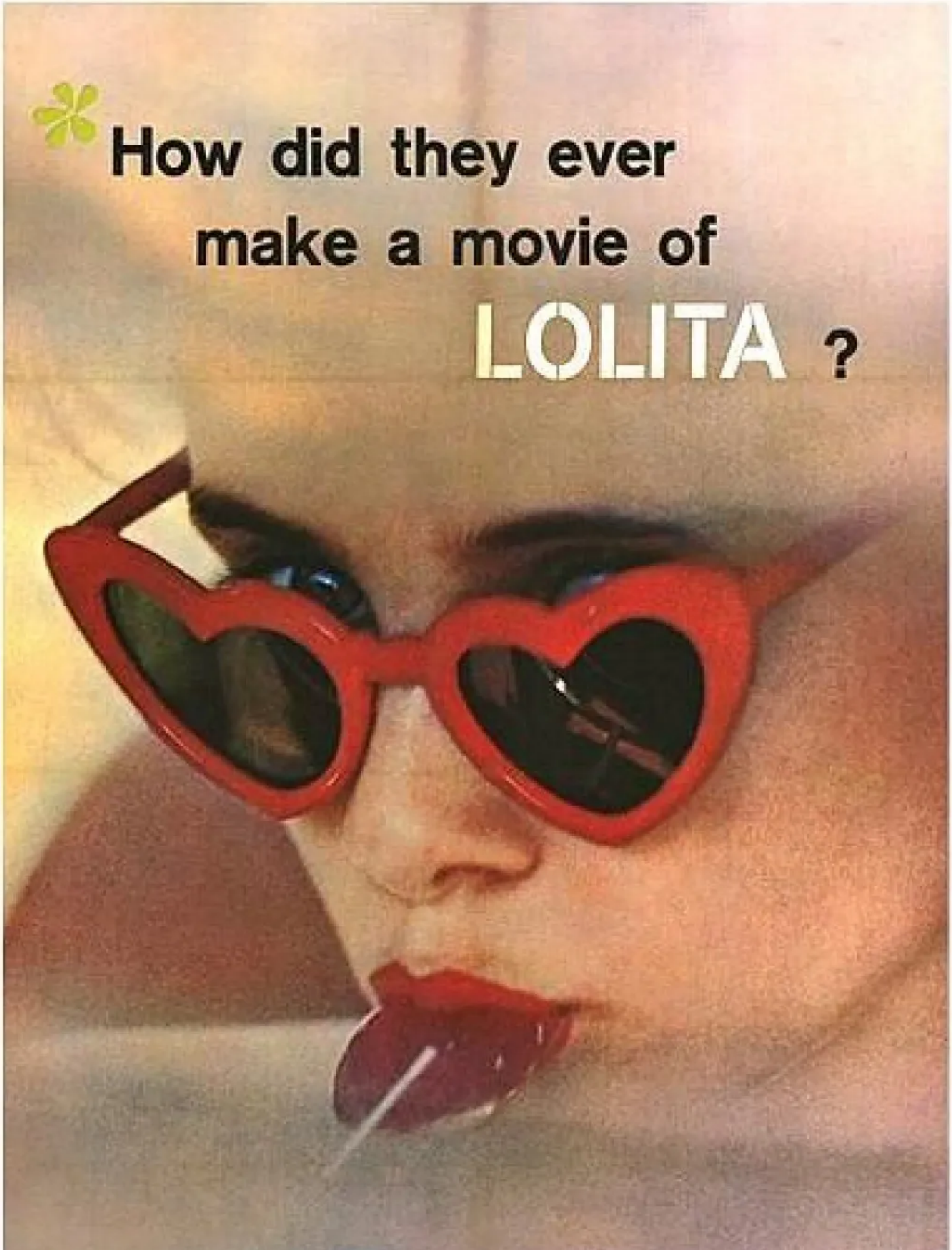
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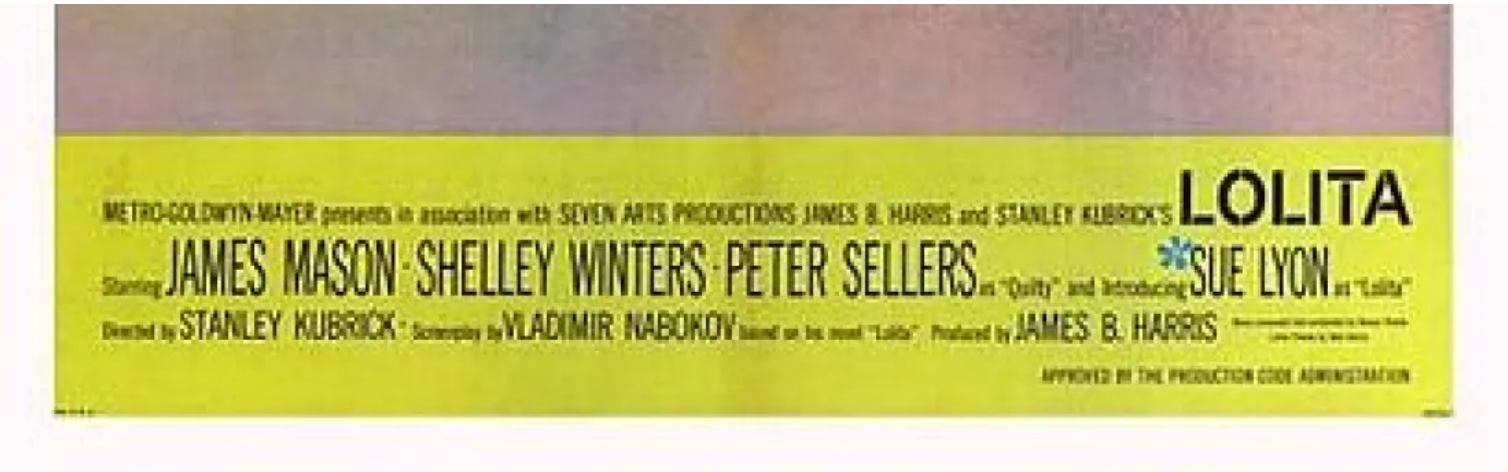
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On Valentine's Day last year, the Parliament of Canada's Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights held a session in which MPs debated whether they should institute mandatory sentencing laws against sex offenders of two years.

There to speak were Dr. Vernon Quinsey, then from Queens University, and Dr. Hubert Van Gijseghem, a retiree from the University of Montreal. Naturally, the subject of therapy entered the discussion, to which Van Gijseghem said,

"When we speak of therapy or when individuals get therapy and we feel as though everyone is pacified, the good news is often illusory. For instance, it is a fact that real pedophiles account for only 20% of sexual abusers. If we know that pedophiles are not simply people who commit a small [offense] from time to time but rather are grappling with what is equivalent to a sexual orientation just like another individual may be grappling with heterosexuality or even homosexuality, and if we agree on the fact that true pedophiles have an exclusive preference for children, which is the same as having a sexual orientation, everyone knows that there is no such thing as real therapy. You cannot change this person's sexual orientation."

There is a natural aversion to pedophilia in the United States and worldwide. But is that discomfort helpful? It has led to serious consequences for pedophiles - starvation and murder in prison, being forced out of neighborhoods by vigilante neighbors, even living under bridges like real trolls in an area of Florida for a period of time - and all for something that some researchers, most of them out of Canada, say that they cannot control. Because they say that it is a sexual orientation, no matter the amount of therapy, prison time, or beatings will change them.

Dr. James Cantor, the Head of Research in the Sexual Behaviors Clinic from Canada's top mental

health and teaching hospital, the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, spoke to Gawker about his research into the brains of pedophiles. He began looking for brain variations in pedophiles because of a number of clues. He'd found that, compared to sex offenders who had victimized adults, or teleiophiles, pedophiles' IQs were, on average, 10 points lower - in fact, the lower the IQ, the younger the child that pedophiles tended to victimize.

Further research led to discoveries that pedophiles tended to do poorly on memory tests. They also tended to be shorter in stature than teleiophiles, as if the whole body was not formed correctly. They were more likely to have failed grades in school, and to have suffered from head injuries before the age of 13.

Perhaps most striking of all, pedophiles were less likely to be right-handed. The handedness was a particularly huge clue, because in most people, the left hemisphere of the brain develops faster and earlier than the other hemisphere, causing people to be right-handed. But if there are changes in-utero, like nutrition or stress, the brain stops growing, and the other part of the brain starts to compensate.

In general, 8 to 12 percent of the population is left-handed or ambidextrous. In the pedophiles that Cantor studied, a third of them were.

All of these patterns caused Cantor to begin looking at early brain growth, in particular. One theory suggested that pedophiles had issues with their temporal lobe, which controls our most basic survival motivations, or the four F's: "feeding, flight, fighting, and fornicating". Another theory suggested that pedophiles had problems in their frontal lobes, which controls self-control. But Cantor was suspicious of that idea, because he did not think that pedophilia was linked with control. "If you ask any guy on the street how he controls his desire to have sex with children, he'll look at you like you have three heads," he says. "Most men don't have that desire to control."

Cantor's scans have shown that the issue with pedophiles stems rather from the white matter, or the signals connecting different areas of the brain. In pedophiles, it is as if their signals are crossed, he found. While most people see children have protective instincts, pedophiles have sexual instincts instead.

Even if those sexual instincts exist, many men live their entire lives wanting to have sex with children, but do not. Some believe that we could become better at controlling pedophilia if the taboo about admitting a desire for children was lifted.

In Germany, for example, there is Prevention Project Dunkelfeld, which, like a suicide hotline, offers counseling for people who struggle with thoughts of child molestation. Canada also has Circles of Support and Accountability, a league of volunteers who help convicted sex offenders rejoin society. Some Circles exist in the United States as well, but there are not nearly as many as in Canada. A California psychotherapist named Dawn Horowitz-Person, who specializes in treating sex offenders, believes that we can learn to help pedophiles control their behaviors like we do with alcoholics.

The good news, though, is that, if researchers can figure out how the brain's wiring becomes crossed, scientists could figure out ways for mothers to minimize their chances of giving birth to

pedophiles. Currently, Cantor and others are examining factors like poor health care, nutrition, and exposure to toxins.

Cantor also says that the best advice for parents to keep children safe against molestation is to be aware that the biggest danger is not strangers, as the rhyme says. Most children are molested by people they know. "Not talking to strangers is a good lesson for children," he said, "but then their guard is down to where the actual danger is."

Are Most Child Sex Offenders Heterosexual?

← The cost of child sexual abuse

Child sex abuse: How much was I worth? →

In June of 2022, celebrating Pride Month seems pointless and insincere while massive energy is being spent conflating homosexuality with pedophilia and accusing anyone who teaches children about sexual orientation of “grooming” children for sexual abuse.

Misinformation and hysteria around this topic threaten to stigmatize LGBTQI+ people further and don’t protect children. So, let’s start with some facts.

Are most child sex offenders heterosexual?

Yes. Most child sex offenders consider themselves heterosexual [1]. Jerry Sandusky and Jared Fogel are two famous examples of married, heterosexual sex offenders who fathered children.

Sound somewhat improbable? Stories of Catholic priests molesting boys have been ongoing for decades, and nearly 100,000 men have sued the Boy Scouts of America for child sexual abuse that happened to them as children.

Here are some things to keep in mind:

- Pedophilia, the sexual attraction to prepubescent children (not the act of sexually abusing children), is very different from sexual attraction to adults.
- Scanning headlines is a terrible way to understand child sexual abuse. Let’s unpack that.

Demographic characteristics of a child sex offender

Most sex offenders are male. Researchers agree that sexual abuse by women is under-reported and under-documented, but even with this factored in, men are more likely to sexually abuse a child than women are. [4]

The demographics of sex offenders mirror the demographics of America. That means no racial group, educational level, or income bracket is more or less likely to be a sex offender than any other. And sex offenders are as likely to be married or married and divorced as other American men. [3]

Sexual abuse and sexual orientation of child sex offenders

Most people who sexually abuse children also experience heterosexual attraction to adults. Someone who has sexual relationships with adult women may sexually abuse boys, and someone who sexually abuses children of one sex is likely to abuse children of the other sex. [5]

Are gay people more likely to be child sex offenders?

Researchers have studied the question of homosexual men being more likely to sexually abuse

children, as well as the question of homosexual men being sexually attracted to boys. In a one-year period at a major child abuse center, less than 1% of the abusers who were identified were in a homosexual relationship.

Another study looked at sexual attraction to children among heterosexual and homosexual men (not everyone who is sexually attracted to children will abuse them, but there is a correlation between the two things). Researchers found that gay men were no more likely to be attracted to prepubescent boys than straight men were to be attracted to prepubescent girls.

How can we protect children from child sex abuse?

If we can't figure out who is a sex offender and who isn't, how can we protect children?

The only effective way is for parents to assume everyone their children come in contact with is a potential sex offender. All parents should take a class about child sexual abuse and its prevention. All parents should insist that everyone who provides services to their child (schools, after-school centers, medical providers, etc.) understand and uphold child sexual abuse prevention best practices.

Parents must do everything in their power to keep their children from being in one-child one-adult situations. They must learn to communicate with children about sexual anatomy, sexuality, and sexual abuse from an early age. **Educating children about the basics of sex is NOT grooming—it's the complete opposite of it.**

Understanding that the world is full of people who want to sexually abuse children is terrifying, and learning that these people seem completely normal and cannot be picked out of a crowd is even scarier. But accepting the truth means we can protect children, and that's always worth doing.

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Are children at risk for sexual abuse by homosexuals?

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Read more on Adverse Childhood Experiences

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Read more on what to do if your child was sexually abused.

Read more on recovery from sexual abuse

Read the parents guide to protecting children from pedophiles

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A survivor of incest, psychological abuse and a host of other childhood trauma, Melanie now uses her talents to prevent Adverse Childhood Experiences. Melanie has over a decade of legislative advocacy regarding children's issues, and she has been published in newspapers, magazines and blogs all across the country.

Melanie has an ACE score of 6.

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Background Info

Pedophilia can be defined as the primary or exclusive sexual attraction to prepubescent children by adults or older adolescents. Though the term has existed since the late 19th century, pedophilia has been researched relatively little, and...

Pedophilia should be classed as a sexual orientation.

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Classing pedophilia as a sexual orientation will reduce stigma and hatred faced by the community.
Classing pedophilia as a mental disorder will ensure affected individuals receive appropriate treatment.
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Pedophilia refers to an innate and enduring pattern of attraction, which is the definition of sexual orientation.
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Classing pedophilia as a sexual orientation will normalize something that is morally and legally reprehensible.

Professor’s redefinition of pedophilia could help offenders demand rights

By
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Old Dominion Ph.D. Allyn Walker (inset) says pedophilia ought to be destigmatized by calling kid predators "minor-attracted persons."
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On Nov. 8, Old Dominion sociology and criminology professor Allyn Walker gave an interview in which he asserted the need to destigmatize pedophiles by redefining them as “minor-attracted persons” (MAPs). Walker stated, “We have a tendency to want to categorize people with these attractions as evil or morally corrupt,” and that when people “hear the term ‘pedophile,’ they automatically assume that it means a sex offender, and that isn’t true.”
Shortly after this interview, students at Old Dominion protested over the professor’s attempt to obfuscate the nature of sexual predators. Although the university furloughed Walker, the professor continued to defend his stance while attacking his critics as hostile to academic freedom and misguided by “rightwing media.”
COMMUNITY NEWS
Should pedophilia be considered a sexual orientation; an historical look at researched pedophilia
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BY SIMONE J. SMITH

“Pedophilia is something that a person is born with — a sexual orientation like heterosexuality or homosexuality — and has no cure,” **Klaus Beier**

Before I go any further, I am curious about readers’ thoughts on this quote? Is pedophilia something that a person is born with?

Pedophilia as a recognized sexual orientation has gained relevance with a rising number of organizations and academics. The advocates of child-like sex dolls, and the sexual depiction of minors in drawings and cartoons regard pedophiles as a class that should be protected against the enormously popular punitive laws designed to punish child sex offenders.

According to RAINN, the nation’s largest anti-sexual violence organization, law enforcement databases house hundreds of thousands of reports of offenders who trade child sexual abuse material online. Less than seven percent of these cases are ever actively investigated.

Community, children are being sexualized, and pedophiles are now supposed to be referred to with neutral, not disparaging language. Multiple states in America have removed measures that exclude pedophilia from being considered a “sexual orientation,” opening up the path to providing protected class status to “Minor Attracted People.”

Sexual fantasies relating to children typically occur in the context of secrecy, but peer support groups and social media have changed this. Pedophiles now openly indulge in fantasy enactments, ritual, fetishization, and drawings that depict children in sexual motifs, and they no longer need a dark web chat room to do it.

Let’s take the now famous “Little St. Jeff,” aka “Epstein Island,” aka “Pedophile Island.” The guests to Epstein’s islands came from across the world and from the highest ranks of society: celebrities and scientists and members of royal families, touching down in a private jet and then boarding a helicopter to the island.

A criminal complaint from the attorney general of the US Virgin Islands described it as *"The perfect hideaway and haven for trafficking young women and underage girls for sexual servitude, child abuse and sexual assault"*.

Media sensationalized this story, and now it has become modern pop culture. What many don't know is that before there was an Epstein, there was a man named Alfred Kinsey hailed as the "father of the sexual revolution." His open and curious attitude about sex brought the subject into the mainstream. He wrote two unprecedented and in-depth explorations of human sexuality known as the Kinsey Reports and has been credited with paving the way for the sexual liberation and gay rights movements of the 1960s and 1970s.

What was controversial about Kinsey is how he conducted his research. Indeed, there is a far darker side to Alfred Kinsey's legacy.

Kinsey declared that one of his goals was simply to show that *"Nearly all the so-called sexual perversions fall within the range of biological normality,"* or that no matter what sexual urge one may experience, this is natural, normal, and acceptable.

Alfred Kinsey ultimately collected around 5,300 "sex histories" from his subjects which he published in the first of his two-book series known as the Kinsey Reports, the explosive 1948 Sexual Behavior in the Human Male.

He further asserted this claim with 1953's Sexual Behavior in the Human Female, which was also so successful that Kinsey made the cover of Time that year. This attention came with great criticism, and for good reason.

He allegedly encouraged his research associates to engage in sexual activity with each other and pressured students and team members alike to engage in that activity with him. It was reported that Kinsey's assistant, Clyde Martin, even engaged in a sexual relationship with his wife.

Kinsey kept recorded video and image evidence of sexual intercourse between subjects, assistants, and friends. Some of these he even participated in. He collected erotica from around that world which was deemed illegal by the U.S. Customs Service.

Here is the part that we need to pay attention to, because I truly believe that this was the genesis of what we are seeing in modern day society. Kinsey went so far as to research sexual stimulation in children as young as five months old.

One of the subjects he interviewed for Sexual Behavior in the Human Male was a 63-year-old pedophile named Rex King who had attempted *"To bring boys to orgasm who were between the ages of 2 months and 15 years."* It only recently emerged that this data around sexuality in children came from one single man in Kinsey's research, rather than from the several that Kinsey had initially claimed.

Behind all behavior that we see in our current society, there is a catalyst, and although pedophilia has been around for centuries, witnessed in certain cultures and religions, what needs to be examined is how this is intricately restructuring healthy sexual expression.

So again, I ask readers, Is pedophilia something that a person is born with, and should it be

considered another sexual orientation?

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LGBT-P? How Pedophilia Is Being Groomed For Sexual Orientation Status

It has been no secret that the recent wave of “Human Rights” campaigns are increasingly targeting our children. Now, pedophilia “awareness” is awakening in our country, making it next on the docket to potentially becoming a legitimate sexual orientation.

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Recent publications and the media are hinting at this very real possibility, and we can help stop it by standing against it.

What Is a Pedophile, Exactly?

Pedophilia is defined as “sexual perversion in which children are the preferred sexual object,” according to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary. Sex crimes against children have been happening for years, yet it has been something that is gaining more attention in the media recently as sex trafficking and pedophilia crimes are popping up more and more.

Pedophilia is defined as sexual perversion in which children are the preferred sexual object.

From a moral standpoint, this is outrageous and horrific for the general public, but from those who claim it's a mere biological tendency to be sexually attracted to children, it could mean another amendment added to the Equality Act, making it recognized as a legitimate sexual orientation.

The Dangers of Accepting Pedophilia As an Orientation

According to psychologist Madeleine Van Brugger, she claims that pedophilia should not be ruled out as a sexual preference and it's “something that we simply cannot change,” per her TedTalk. She endorses the fact that instead of separating those with pedophilic tendencies, we should embrace them and try to understand them.

With all this candor revolving around the increasing lost innocence of our children, it should come as no surprise that “Human Rights” proponents who claim to be serving the rights and desires of all humans, will soon be promoting the awareness of pedophilia as a legitimate sexual orientation due to the Equality Act which was just passed in 2019.

How the Equality Act Could Pose a Risk to Our Children

The Equality Act prohibits the discrimination of an individual’s sexual preference in a wide variety of general public settings, including education and after-school programs such as sports activities. This means that if politicians push for the acceptance of pedophilia as a real sexual orientation,

these individuals would be free to work with our children in different settings. After-school programs and Little League could become huge targets for pedophiles to become employed at and ultimately seek their victims.

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Discriminating against individuals who identify as pedophiles would be eventually called "intolerance" and labeled as narrow-mindedness if we chose not to accept it as a sexual orientation.

Drawing the Line

This raises the question of what is right or wrong anymore? Does the definition of perversion change because we've simply become so politically correct and don't wish to "offend" anyone? Do personal responsibility and accountability mean anything, or have we resorted to calling human life no more than a highly-evolved pool of hormones, prone to succumb to our sexual urges whenever we "feel" like it? We're not only catering to the perversion, but we're ultimately choosing the path where our society will go.

Does the definition of perversion change because we've simply become so politically correct and do not wish to offend anyone?

While being a pedophile, serial killer, or thief are all things we wish we could control, or understand, these are simply wrong behaviors. The line becomes increasingly blurred when we go from shock to tolerance. If the mass shootings, molestation cases, and armed robberies were simple evolutionary by-products, wouldn't that make our human species less likely to survive? If the after-effects of these horrible events induce psychological trauma and social isolation, perhaps this "genetic disposition" is much more than that. Perhaps it is a moral problem and needs to be addressed as such.

Closing Thoughts

A greater necessity arises to protect our children (and our future) and stop making excuses for wrong behavior, or labeling it as simply "tolerance" or "genetic disposition." Pedophilia does not serve the perpetrator, nor the innocent children in terms of forward-thinking.

We may wish to know all the answers or solutions, but there's a criminal justice system for a reason —to punish wrong behavior and to protect the innocent. Just like those who rallied to pass the Equality Act in Congress, we must raise up our voices to oppose anything that would threaten our children and, ultimately, our future.

Is pedophilia a sexual orientation?

Dr. James Cantor of CAMH has shown pedophilia is like a sexual orientation — a deep attraction that cannot change. Now, pedophiles who have never molested children are seeking social acceptance. Dr. James Cantor of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health has spent the last decade on research suggesting that pedophilia is a deep-rooted, unchangeable predisposition.

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Pedophilia has been widely viewed as a psychological disorder triggered by early childhood trauma. Now, many experts see it as a biologically rooted condition that does not change — like a sexual orientation — thanks largely to a decade of research by Dr. James Cantor at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health.

Cantor's team has found that pedophiles share a number of physical characteristics, including differences in brain wiring. It's now thought that about 1 to 5 per cent of men are pedophiles, meaning they are primarily attracted to children.

These findings have been widely accepted among scientists, but have had little impact on social attitudes or law. However, we are left with the alarming question: if some men are born pedophiles, what should society do with them?

Bolstered by this research, pedophiles who have never molested children are seeking social acceptance.

'We can resist'

Ethan Edwards has always loved little girls.

For years, he told himself his feelings were protective and loving, nothing more. But when he hit 50, he found he couldn't stifle his desires any longer.

"I realized that young girls certainly took my breath away, more than grown-ups are usually charmed by kids," he says.

Edwards, using a pseudonym, wrote about this realization on Virtuous Pedophiles, a website he co-founded for pedophiles who have never molested children. The group says their attraction is one they were born with and cannot change, but can control.

Edwards says the goal of Virtuous Pedophiles is to prevent child abuse, by reducing the stigma against non-offender pedophiles.

"We do not choose to be attracted to children, and we cannot make that attraction go away," reads the website, which has about 200 members.

"But we can resist the temptation to abuse children sexually, and many of us present no danger to children whatsoever. Yet we are despised for having a sexual attraction that we did not choose, cannot change, and successfully resist."

The biology of pedophiles

Sitting inside his office at the College St. research hospital, Cantor is surrounded by books on sexology and eccentric decor — a framed sign that reads "Data Is My Porn," a throw pillow that spells "penis" in Braille.

Down the hall at the Kurt Freund Phallometric Lab, Cantor's research team conducts experiments on convicted sex offenders. The men view nude images of children and adults of both sexes, while a

device measures blood flow to their penises.

The method, called phallometry and invented by Freund in the 1950s, accurately measures sexual interests in 90 per cent of men, Cantor says.

"It's the most obvious test in the world," he says. "The procedure gives us a relative measure of how he reacts to the adult categories versus the child categories."

His team has found that pedophiles share many physical characteristics. They are shorter, on average, than other men. They are three times more likely to be left-handed or ambidextrous. Their IQs are about 10 to 15 points lower. Finally, they are more prone to childhood head injuries — which Cantor chalks up to a natural clumsiness.

These physical characteristics are determined before birth, so the explanation for pedophilia must be in part prenatal, Cantor says.

"It's become harder and harder to explain pedophilia on just (early childhood events). It's either purely biological or a mix of biological and experiential. But pure experience can't explain these data."

Cantor, an internationally respected clinical psychologist, has also conducted studies with sex offenders using MRIs. He has found they have less white matter — the connective tissue that carries messages to other parts of the brain — than other types of criminal offenders.

The evidence suggests pedophilia results from atypical wiring in the brain. Cantor calls it "cross-wiring": the stimuli that usually evoke nurturing and protective reactions in adults is instead evoking sexual reactions in pedophiles.

Similar experiments are being conducted across the globe, most notably at Berlin's Institute of Sexology and Sexual Medicine, but Cantor's research has greatly influenced the view among researchers that pedophilia has a biological basis.

Pedophiles are thought to be overwhelmingly men. About a third of those men prefer boys, about a third prefer girls, and a third will be attracted to both.

Although female sex offenders exist, they are rare and it is more difficult to test their desires. Queen's University sexologist Dr. Meredith Chiversconducted a similar genital-based test on women, but found, curiously, that females respond to everything — including images of bonobos copulating. (One theory is that during evolution, women developed this response as an automatic defence mechanism for rape.)

Some researchers disagree on whether the brain differences in pedophiles occurred before birth or in early development. Regardless, many are coming around to the view that pedophiles cannot be "cured" — but some can be stopped from molesting children.

Preventing child abuse

"Not all sex offenders who target children are pedophiles, and not all pedophiles are sex offenders," says Dr. Michael Seto, a pedophilia expert and forensic researcher with the Royal Ottawa Health Care Group.

Seto, a former colleague of Cantor's at CAMH, has found that only 50 to 60 per cent of convicted sex offenders are pedophiles. The rest have sexually abused children for reasons beyond attraction — personality disorders, chaotic households or violent impulses.

His research has focused on psychological traits shared by sex offenders, potentially providing insight into why some pedophiles molest children, while other "virtuous" pedophiles like Edwards are apparently able to control their urges.

Seto has found that sex offenders are much more likely to have a sexual abuse history than other types of criminal offenders. Certain traits, including impulsiveness, risk-taking behaviour, sexual preoccupation and lack of empathy, are also shared by sex offenders.

He has argued forcefully for pedophilia to be thought of as a sexual orientation — an idea he acknowledges is controversial, but hopes will actually help prevent child abuse.

"Right now, it's really slanted so that the treatment services are for people who have gotten into trouble," he says. "Obviously, we need that, but I think where there is a big gap is in terms of prevention. How do we reach people who are sexually attracted to children and are aware of it?"

One of the concerns with labelling pedophilia a sexual orientation is the potential for parallels to be drawn with homosexuality. Seto is quick to point out the difference between orientation based on age, and orientation based on gender.

However, if pedophilia was widely viewed as a sexual orientation, effective treatment could focus on self-regulation skills — avoiding acting on one's urges — rather than trying in vain to change sexual preferences, he wrote in a research paper last year.

"Pedophiles will remain hidden if they continue to be hated and feared, which would impede efforts to better understand this sexual orientation and thereby prevent child sexual exploitation," he wrote.

Mandatory reporting laws make it incredibly risky for pedophiles to tell therapists about their desires. In Canada, one is only required to report to the police if a specific child is at risk, but the laws can be misunderstood by mental health professionals, says Seto.

The Harper government recently announced tougher measures against child predators, including a public sex offender registry. Seto says this is misguided, given that the recidivism rate for convicted sex offenders is actually quite low, at about 10 to 15 per cent.

"One of the worries would be that would further drive individuals underground," he says. "It could also lead to problems that decrease the likelihood they can successfully be integrated."

Ironically, Cantor says the idea that pedophiles are born, not made, can be used to support opposing political views — some will say "lock 'em up and throw away the key," while others will call for sympathy and therapy.

Cantor often receives emails from distraught men seeking guidance on controlling their desires. The side effect of strict mandatory reporting laws is that people don't come in for help, he says.

Pedophiles among us

To the unassuming onlooker, Ethan Edwards leads an ordinary life in Pennsylvania. He is in his mid-50s and works as a software developer. He was married for more than a decade and raised

three daughters. He is well-respected in his community.

But Edwards harbours a secret that, if exposed, threatens his entire livelihood and reputation. He is attracted to girls as young as 4 — and although he says he has never molested a child, his desire is enough to make him a monster in most people's eyes.

"For me, the biggest problem with this is the isolation," he says in an interview over Google Chat. "Everyone else thinks I'm sick and dangerous. Well, not everyone, but most of society."

Edwards is actually a rarity among pedophiles, in that he managed to suppress his desires until he was middle-aged. Most pedophiles become aware of their urges at puberty or by the time they are young adults; many will describe their desires as romantic, not just sexual.

He is also able to maintain relationships with adult women — he says he was attracted to his wife while they were married. Perhaps surprisingly to some, he says he was never attracted to his daughters, citing an innate repulsion to incest.

Even now that he has accepted he is attracted to children, he swears that he will never act on his urges.

"I think it's because my protective instinct towards children is so strong," he says.

Edwards says he has never seen any child pornography. Instead he looks at seemingly innocuous photos of children — almost always wearing clothes, at least bathing suits. Cantor calls it "victimless," although some might dispute that.

He launched his website with Nick Devin, also a middle-aged professional using a pseudonym, after meeting him on another support group, b4uact.org. Both felt sex with children was inherently wrong, and they wanted to create a website for other pedophiles with that view.

On Virtuous Pedophiles's "First Words" page, pedophiles — many of them teenagers or young adults — describe their relief at finding the group.

"I am in my late 20s and have been dealing with unwanted attraction to young boys since I was a teenager," writes one member. "Though I have never acted on these attractions with anyone, this is my primary sexual attraction, and it bothers me greatly. I have considered suicide many times."

Many pedophiles online do not share the viewpoint of Edwards and Devin.

On some sites, anonymous writers advocate for lowering the age of consent.

"It should be clear to anyone with any grey matter that pedophilia is just another oppressed sexual orientation or interest, and age doesn't somehow magically make consensual sex between two people into something evil," writes one user.

Another writes: "Nobody will ever quite understand the pain that we feel . . . seeing and longing for something we love but cannot have . . . and if we reach for it . . . we are accused of being sadistic monsters who only want to hurt kids. It will not last forever. Things will change."

Edwards says he is disturbed by the activists that are "pro-contact" and hopes that young, struggling pedophiles find his group first.

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Is Pedophilia a Sexual Orientation?

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Abstract

In this article, I address the question of whether pedophilia in men can be construed as a male sexual orientation, and the implications for thinking of it in this way for scientific research, clinical practice, and public policy. I begin by defining pedophilia and sexual orientation, and then compare pedophilia (as a potential sexual orientation with regard to age) to sexual orientations with regard to gender (heterosexuality, bisexuality, and homosexuality), on the bases of age of onset, correlations with sexual and romantic behavior, and stability over time. I conclude with comments about the potential social and legal implications of conceptualizing pedophilia as a type of sexual orientation in males.

Notes

- Clinical definitions usually require distress or impairment if pedophilia is to be considered a mental disorder (e.g., the DSM-IV-TR) (American Psychiatric Association, 2000), but not ICD-10, which considers the sexual attraction to prepubescent children to be sufficient (World Health Organization, 1997). I will not enter the debate about whether pedophilia should, or should not, be classified as a mental disorder, in this commentary. Interested readers are directed to the December 2002 issue in the *Archives of Sexual Behavior* for commentaries on this debate (e.g., Seto, 2002, where I argue pedophilia should be a mental disorder). For my purposes, the sexual attraction part of the definition is the key consideration in operationalizing pedophilia. There has been recent debate about the existence of *hebephilia*, a sexual age orientation for pubescent children, that is, children who are beginning to show signs of physical maturity such as breast budding in girls or changes in the scrotum and penis for boys (Blanchard, 2010; Franklin, 2009; Seto, 2010). There is no word coined yet for individuals who are attracted to both mature and immature persons. DSM-IV-TR refers to such individuals as nonexclusive pedophiles, but one could also call them nonexclusive teleiophiles (American Psychiatric Association, 2000). The Greek root for age is *aion*, so one word that could apply is *bi-aionic*.

  The order of these adjectives describing sexual preferences could easily be reversed; for example, a man attracted to prepubescent girls could be correctly described as either a “gynephilic pedophile” or a “pedophilic gynephile” (I thank one of the anonymous reviewers for this point). An important empirical question is whether sexual gender preferences or sexual age preferences have primacy.

  I realize that adults have more opportunities to speak and be heard, at least by other adults, but I have never heard (directly or indirectly) a child speak on behalf of his or her right to have sex with an adult.

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Does the DSM 5 define pedophilia as a sexual orientation?

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In recent weeks I have read a couple of postings suggesting that the new version of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM 5) has taken Pedophilia out of the realm of (psycho)pathology and made it equivalent to sexual orientation (e.g., gay, straight, bisexual, transgendered, etc.). These postings propose that the publisher, The American Psychiatric Association, has decided to normalize pedophilia–something that some believe is mere politics and a sign of further loosening of social mores. Usually, these writers point to the fact that the APA depathologized homosexuality in previous editions and now are going steps further to normalize pedophilia.

But, is this rumor true?

The facts from DSM 5

Pedophilia, or Pedophilic Disorder still exists and is considered a disorder in the family of paraphilias (patterns of abnormal sexual desire or activity). To be diagnosed with Pedophilia, one must meet 3 criteria (summarized)

- Have sexual fantasies, urges, or behaviors for prepubescent children
- Either urges cause marked distress, interpersonal difficulty **OR** the adult has acted on the urges with children
- Must be at least 16 and seeking those who are at least 5 years younger

So, why the rumors?

Okay, so pedophilia is still a disorder. So, where is the confusion? After listing the criterion, the DSM offers some commentary to further describe the disorder. Here's where some confusion may enter in as they describe the person who has intense pedophilic urges but who has not acted on them: "However, if they report an absence of feelings of guilt, shame, or anxiety about these impulses and are not functionally limited by their paraphilic impulses (according to self-report, objective assessment, or both), and their self-reported and legally recorded histories indicate that they have

never acted on their impulses, then these individuals have a **pedophilic sexual orientation** but not pedophilic disorder." *(p. 698)*

Meaning?

Unfortunately, "pedophilic sexual orientation" is not defined. By the way, neither do they define any other sexual orientation. The point being that since sexual orientation is outside the purview of a catalog of psychopathology, it need not be discussed. So, my read of the DSM 5 intent regarding pedophilic urges is this

- Pedophilia is NOT equated with sexual orientation when the person is acting on the urges or is troubled by them, BUT
- Those who have these attractions, yet feel no shame about them, function in society to protect children, and have not acted to harm children are not pedophiles but can be listed in a new nonpathology category: **pedophilic sexual orientation.** thereby,
- Opening the door for some to self-identify in a nonpathological manner

Is this cause for alarm?

Short answer. No, this nor the removal of homosexuality as pathology is not evidence of APA's moral degradation.

Longer answer. this addition/change will create confusion. It does open the door for some crazy thinking and adding the "orientation" language is wrongheaded and may harm the good research being done about sexual orientation. Further, never underestimate the power of some to use this for evil intent.

Remember, the DSM is a catalog of psychopathology, not social pathology, moral pathology or the like. So, if it is possible (and there is evidence to support this) that gay and lesbian people do not experience psychopathology solely as result of their sexual feelings, then it would be right to remove homosexuality as a psychological disorder (no matter how you classify it in terms of morality).

There is another DSM feature that may be more of issue in this debate. As of now, diagnoses are locked into using the criterion, "causes marked distress" as a way of determining the floor for a pathology. Thus, you could possibly experience recurrent and persistent obsessional thoughts and images but not have them cause "marked distress…or significantly interfere with normal routine, social activities…" and therefore NOT be diagnosed with OCD. So, if it is possible to determine that a person with sexual feelings for little children is able to be not disturbed by them AND not act on them, then you wouldn't give the diagnosis.

See the problem? Here's an analogy of sorts: if all 80 year old men have cancer cells in their prostate but never have any symptoms, seek no treatment, and die of other causes, should they be diagnosed with prostate cancer? Denying the existence of the cells doesn't seem to be the answer even if no treatment is necessary.

To the point: Is there movement in redefining pedophilia?

Not in the mainstream.

It appears that there is an effort to better understand those who are being charged and convicted of child sex offenses. I see a growing research beginning to differentiate between three types of people who commit sex crimes: **contact sex offenders** (those who directly abuse actual children), **internet offenders** (those who use or send child pornography), and **solicitation offenders**(those who use technology to communicate with minors for sexual purposes). The idea is that there may be differences between these three types and thus arguments for different punishments and treatments. It seems, thus far, that contact sex offenders have far more distortions in empathy for victims, cognitive distortions about self and children while the other two categories seem to have some features that might protect them from becoming contact offenders. NOTE: the data is small at this point and we can't predict who will and who will not become contact offenders.

Go ahead and worry some

If one could really argue that child porn viewers are not statistically more likely to become offenders against actual children, you can easily imagine someone arguing that virtual child porn (i.e., digital created images of children having sex) harm no one and ought to be legal for the pedophilic orientation individuals. On recent report stated that **at any given moment in time** there are 750,000 individuals accessing and viewing child porn. And that is with it being a crime. Do we really want to open this door to normalization? No. We want to understand, empathize, restrict, and intervene.

Fraternal Birth Order and Sexual Orientation in Pedophiles

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Pedophilia

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Pedophilia is an ongoing sexual attraction to pre-pubertal children. It is a paraphilia, a condition in which a person's sexual arousal and gratification depends on objects, activities, or even situations that are considered atypical. Pedophilia is defined as recurrent and intense sexually arousing fantasies, sexual urges, or behaviors involving sexual activity with a prepubescent child or children —generally age 13 years or younger—over a period of at least six months. Pedophiles are more often men and can be attracted to either or both sexes.

Pedophilic disorder can be diagnosed in people who are willing to disclose this paraphilia, as well as in people who deny any sexual attraction to children but demonstrate objective evidence of pedophilia. For the condition to be diagnosed, an individual must either act on their sexual urges or experience significant distress or interpersonal difficulty as a result of their urges or fantasies. Without these two criteria, a person may have pedophilic sexual desires but not pedophilic disorder. The prevalence of pedophilic disorder is unknown, as the social stigma around it does not invite people to self-identify. Estimates of its prevalence range from one to five percent of the male population. There are believed to be only a small fraction of a percent of women, if any at all, who experience pedophilia.

Pedophilic sexual offenders are usually family, friends, or relatives of their victims. The types of pedophilic activities vary, and may include just looking at a child or undressing and touching a child. However, acts often involve oral sex or touching the genitals of the child or the offender.
Studies suggest that children who feel uncared for or lonely may be at higher risk for sexual abuse
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Symptoms

According to the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition* (DSM-5), in order for pedophilic disorder to be diagnosed, the following criteria must be met:

- Recurrent, intense sexual fantasies, urges, or behaviors with a prepubescent child (generally age 13 or younger) for a period of at least 6 months.
- These sexual urges have been acted on or have caused significant distress or impairment in social, occupational, or other important areas of functioning.
- The person is at least 16 years old, and at least 5 years older than the child with whom the person engages in sexual behavior. This does not include an individual in late adolescence involved in an ongoing sexual relationship with a 12- or 13-year-old.

Additionally, a diagnosis of pedophilic disorder should specify whether the individual is exclusively attracted to children or not, the gender that the individual is attracted to, and whether the sexual urges are limited to children in the person's own family.
There are a number of challenges to diagnosing pedophilia. People who have this condition rarely seek help voluntarily—counseling and treatment often come as the result of a court order
Is pedophilia a psychological disorder?
Is pedophilia more common among men or women?
What is the age of onset for pedophilia?
What is the prevalence of pedophilia?
How is pedophilia be diagnosed?

For our Rights Groups: Paedophilia – a sexual orientation?

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By Dennis Nichols

As a child, I used to hear the term 'follow-pattern' often. It was a puerile expression which meant that someone was mimicking you either in mockery, flattery, or to provoke an altercation, and the imitated one would respond with something like "Why you does always follow-pattern me?"
Later on, it was 'copycat', especially when it came to aping foreign accents and fashion, usually North American. Dave Martins and The Tradewinds lampooned the practice with a calypso by the same name. But sometimes copy-catting is no laughing matter, for example when a small, 'unsophisticated' country like ours feels compelled to embrace behaviour that would have hitherto

been considered unacceptable or anti-social here, like some forms of sexual orientation.
This is a follow-up on last week's sexual abuse article.
I'm no prude, and I don't endorse homophobia, or discrimination based on sexual identity/ preference. In Guyana we've witnessed the ridicule, hatred and violence meted out to 'anti-men' and others whose dress and mannerisms appear at odds with their physical appearance, and who feel they have a right to live as they desire, once they abide by the law.
Their cause is a just one, even though I don't care for some practices. And although I don't endorse same-sex marriage or the repeal of buggery laws, I can live with the knowledge that both could someday be a reality.
Straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual – it is theorized that we are oriented that way from birth, and that's the crux of the matter. Like I said last week, a topic like this is a vastly complex one and again, I am only scratching the surface – just food for thought.
The way I understand it is that gender identity is a concept of self, defined by an individual based on how the person thinks and feels. It is more or less a choice that may be changed as the person learns more about his or her sexuality.
That person may determine later that he/she is heterosexual, homosexual, or bisexual. At that point a pattern of romantic and/or sexual attraction to persons of the opposite, same, or both sexes and genders may emerge.
According to the American Psychological Association (APA), that {enduring} pattern is what is known as sexual orientation, "*distinct from other components of sex and gender, including biological sex (the anatomical, physiological and genetic characteristics associated with being male or female), gender identity (the psychological sense of being male or female) and social gender role (the cultural norms that define feminine and masculine behavior).*"
Now this is where it gets interesting. Although scientists say they do not know the exact causes of sexual orientation, (It could be an interplay of genetic, hormonal and environmental influences) based on their professional understanding, many seem to favour biological models for its cause, and conclude that such orientation is not a choice, believing that it is established at conception; in short, homosexuals and bisexuals do not choose to be that way – they are born to be who they are. But that of course has been accepted for decades.
Here comes what I call the weird part –It is also their conclusion that paedophilia or paedophilic disorder is a sexual orientation; in other words, like homosexuality, bisexuality and of course heterosexuality, it is not a choice, paedophiles are born that way, therefore they can't help being romantically or sexually attracted to children, even though the condition may be treated – to an extent.
One implication is that paedophiles are victims of circumstances beyond their control and should not be held culpable for their inclinations.
So, if that conclusion is accepted as valid, can paedophiles conscientiously claim the right to live as they choose, with what researchers call their fantasies, attachments, and longings, so long as they

don’t approach children with them – and even if they do?
The researchers point to two kinds of paedophiles – those who are child molesters, and those who refrain from getting sexually involved with any child for their entire lives. But if they feel they were born that way, wouldn’t they all want to claim some of the same rights enjoyed by say, the LGBT community, within the perceived boundaries of the law? And wouldn’t civil and human rights groups feel obliged to defend those rights?
Going further, is it even remotely possible that accused paedophiles on trial can be defended and acquitted based mainly or solely on a defence of sexual orientation? That’s where things seem to be headed. And going further back, some may argue that adult-child sex is as old as the proverbial hills; was practiced and accepted in ancient Greece and Rome, and that not that long ago the legal age of consent in some parts of the world was 12.
In Guyana, girls within certain cultural parameters could be married at 14. Even biblically it can be argued that Mary, Jesus’ mother, conceived him and later wed ‘old’ Joseph around the age of 14 as was the Jewish custom at the time.
But the one that takes the cake may be the argument by Philosophy Professor Stephen Kershna (according to a 2016 article by Biblical Studies Professor Denny Burk) that paedophilia cannot be considered a mental disorder unless it causes harm resulting from mental dysfunction, that it doesn’t harm the paedophile, and does not necessarily harm a ‘willing’ child. The vague ‘harm’ and ‘willing’ are such broad and loaded terms that I wouldn’t even venture to guess what the professor meant by them.
Wikipedia, however, still cautiously defines it as a psychiatric disorder, and notes that biological factors have not been proved the cause. And over the past few years, many mainstream Christians and right-wing bloggers have claimed that the APA was actually pressured by paedophile activists to declare their ‘interest’ as an orientation, that it accidentally called paedophilia a sexual orientation, and has since made a correction.
In October 2013, the Washington Times carried an article with the headline ‘APA to correct manual: (The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders – DSM/V) Pedophilia is not a ‘sexual orientation’. However there still appears to be much confusion on the subject.
It would be interesting to hear what our local human and civil rights groups, including SASOD and Guyana Trans United, have to say about the movements and trends in the United States and elsewhere aimed at ‘normalizing’ paedophilia, especially while defending LGBT rights to be protected from sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination. (As a side note there may or may not have existed a paedophile organization in Alhambra, California, called the Rene Guyon Society, whose motto allegedly was ‘Sex before eight, or it’s too late’) You can explore it on the internet.
In view of the recent horrific cases of child sexual abuse and paedophilia in Guyana, the notions and trends mentioned in this article are at least worthy of consideration by Guyanese; more so by advocacy groups and the government as we seek to preserve the integrity of our ‘most precious

assets' while at the same time ensuring that the fundamental rights of marginalized and fringe groups are protected. It could be a tricky balancing act.

Pedophilia is a sexual orientation?!?

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The *Independent* is reporting on a thought-provoking AMA ("ask me anything") on Reddit that featured an anonymous, though verified, criminal psychologist and his/her perspective on pedophilia.

Paedophilia is a 'sexual orientation' like being straight or gay, according to a criminal psychologist.

The idea that sexual attraction to children is an 'orientation' is highly controversial as it suggests that offenders cannot change.

But, writing on the Reddit networking website, the psychologist said it was possible to treat child sex abusers on 'the understanding that the attraction may always remain'.

The psychologist set up the 'ask me anything' thread on Reddit. Their identity was not revealed but was verified by the website.

Asked 'can paedophiles actually change?', the expert wrote: 'I believe Paedophilic Disorder is a sexual orientation with individual that are attracted to child features. In other words, an individual with paedophilia has the same ingrained attraction that a heterosexual female may feel towards a male, or a homosexual feels towards their same gender.

'With that being said, it needs to be said that sexuality is more of a spectrum than a finite category. We know that heterosexuals may engage in homosexual behaviour, and deny they are bisexual or homosexual.'

As you can imagine, the implications of such a pronouncement, particularly if it becomes widely accepted, are quite immense and potentially damaging for children and society. That was clearly understood by both the psychologist and the *Independent*as further coverage revealed:

However the psychologist stressed in a later edit that they had not mean to imply paedophiles could not be treated – to an extent.

'Treatment, to me, isn't about modifying the orientation per se, but getting the individual to find more appropriate behaviours to engage in,' they wrote.

'An individual can have paedophilic interests without ever acting on these behaviourally. However, as I am working with criminal offenders, my experience is entirely weighted to those who have engaged in this behaviourally.'

The psychiatrist said they focused on three main areas when trying to treat a child sex abuser: 'One, do you understand who can and can't provide consent? How will you go through and identify this? Two, can you identify the risks or situations which would increase when you engage in sexual activity with someone who can't provide consent? How can you avoid these or limit them? Three,

what can you focus on positive in your life which can replace or mitigate when you may be most likely to offend? What are some things you can do which are adaptive and help you in the long run?'

We've come to an interesting place in the West. Where once we believed that what was natural was not always good, we largely now assume that the natural state is good or acceptable. Man is not corrupt from birth, but rather is corrupted by society or systems. Arguably, much of the way the sexual-orientation debate has been framed in recent decades is evidence of that change in thinking. But if one's natural state is to be a pedophile, we suddenly have a problem as society largely sees pedophilia as wrong. No longer can we say that if someone is "born that way" that their behavior is therefore "okay". We are confronted with the reality that man may be corrupt or evil from birth. But if that is the case, we must now reevaluate any number of arguments about being "born that way" as justification for various activities. It's quite the slippery slope.

In the West's traditional moral framework, deeply rooted in a Christian worldview, it was long understood that man was born with both evil and good in his heart. One may have a disposition to any number of vices or sins, but those sins were considered morally wrong and something that one must fight against throughout life. It did not matter whether or not pedophilia was innate or a by-product of the environment one was raised in because the moral framework of society saw it as wrong either way.

The challenge to us now is that having disposed of the Christian worldview, what does society stand upon for a moral framework? There is an attempt to create a moral framework with the term "consent" – you can see it even in the *Independent* piece. But if the chaos on college campuses over consent verses rape is any indication, it probably won't work. Furthermore, how can you determine if a 4-year-old or 2-year-old consented to sex with an adult? Sadly, it seems that we no longer have a working language or framework for moral issues in a sexually liberated environment.

Now, it may very well be that pedophiles have an innate sexual orientation or predisposition towards children. If that's the case, the challenge to the current moral order is incredible. With Pandora's Box opened, we may find ourselves forced to rediscover some transcendent morality because our natural tendencies, if the psychologist is correct, could actually be evil and exceedingly harmful. Welcome to our brave new world.

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HALL: Is pedophilia the next sexual orientation?

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It isn't a conspiracy theory. It's no longer a "slippery slope."

It's here.

We now have a video of a licensed sex therapist and counselor in Pennsylvania defending "minor-attracted persons." We've seen articles in USA Today about how pedophiles — or minor-attracted persons — are born that way. We've heard from a college professor about how young children may indeed be able to consent to sex.

And there's more.

These are disturbing statements. Statements that 10 or 20 years ago, not a single sane soul would have accepted. But, if we went back 10 or 20 years, how many people would have thought it would be an actual debate whether girls' sports should be reserved for actual girls?

Who would've thought there would be people — adults — who are OK with a 10-year-old girl using a bathroom stall next to a 40-year-old man who thinks he is a woman?

Who would've thought a small town in Iowa with supposed Christian values would allow a teen girl to go topless at the local pool because she thinks she is a boy?

But we are here now. And we're here because we haven't fought hard enough against the radical LGBTQ+ agenda. We haven't.

The right has lost battles on this front, which allows the envelope to be pushed even further. Because the battle on redefining marriage was lost, we're now fighting a battle on redefining gender.

An actual Supreme Court Justice — who should represent one of the nine most brilliant legal minds in America — could not offer a definition for the word woman.

Seriously.

An entire political party voted against a bill in Iowa that reserved girls' sports for biological girls.

That is where we are.

And here is the scary part, if we don't regroup, things will only continue to devolve. It will only get worse — not better.

Why? Because Democrats embrace whatever the LGBTQ agenda puts in front of it. And as the line keeps getting pushed, Republicans accept more and more of these alternative lifestyles.

So where are we today?

We're at a point where professionals are trying to "destigmatize" pedophilia. They're explaining and defending people who are attracted to kids. They're saying they have no choice in their attraction — that they're born that way.

Where have we heard that argument before?

Ten years ago when the hot debate was homosexual marriage, nobody would've guessed we'd be having these debates today.

So, if we continue to lose the debates with the radical LGBTQ+ agenda, what can we not even fathom today that in 10 years will be an actual debate?

They're already defending adults being attracted to minors.

How much further can we fall?
I don’t know. But I do know that we do not want to find out.

Berlin Doc Terms Pedophilia A Sexual Orientation

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Pune: Pedophilia is something that a person is born with -- a sexual orientation like heterosexuality or homosexuality -- and has no cure, said Klaus Beier, director of the Institute of Sexology and Sexual Medicine at the Charite University in Berlin.

Beier has worked with pedophiles, adults or adolescents who are sexually attracted to prepubescent or early pubescent children, for the past 25 years. He was in Pune recently to spread awareness on the issue and is in talks with various NGOs and hospitals.

He also plans to meet Union women and child development ministry to explain pedophilia so that India is better equipped to treat pedophiles before they offend. He said the All India Institute of Medical Sciences had approached his centre about 10 days ago as they were interested in a study they conducted. Quoting a 2007 report by the Union ministry of women and child development, Klaus said India is the only country where boys are more abused than girls. "These people suffer from low self-esteem, depression, lack of concentration, anxiety and loss of strength, among other symptoms," said Beier.

His centre in Germany has been treating more than 2,000 potential pedophiles as well as offenders since 2005. Treatment, Beier says, aims to make such people control their urges and not act on them. He compares it to diabetes, which is also a disorder that can be controlled, but not cured.

"In one of our first evaluations, 25 of 53 participants were Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) offenders, five of these (20%) showed persisting offending behaviour, but with a reduced frequency and severity - mainly voyeuristic offences(). We didn't have any other data from Dunkelfeld programme at that time, so we could not compare it," he said. Prevention Project Dunkelfeld is an effort founded in Germany in 2005 to provide clinical help to those who were sexually interested in children and wanted help working against the interest. Beier added, "The remaining 28 were potential offenders seeking help, none of whom offended after treatment. It should be possible to offer these people help even in countries with mandatory reporting laws,".

Talking about the typology of child sexual offenders, Beier said that only 40% of the people in his study were pedophiles by birth. The rest were non-pedophilic offenders for who the sexual abuse serves as a surrogate for sex with similar age companions. He said these non-pedophilic offenders are generally sexually inexperienced, mentally retarded, have personality disorders or traumatising family constellation.

Another major concern is pornographic video games. "I had a 13-year-old patient who made a 5-year-old boy perform oral sex on him. This was because he had been playing a video game in which he would get points by making the character involve in sexual activity. To stop this, we need a global

effort," said Beier.

The biggest problem with controlling or treating pedophilia is the stigma around it, he said. "We see pedophilia as a choice, this makes us hate pedophiles. Most of the times a potential offender wants a way out but has no option. This is where we (Brier's group in Berlin) come inWe have a helpline that has been advertised in all public spaces -- trains, bus stops and the media People can call us and we will help them with medications and counselling," said Beier, adding that it is vital to change society's perception about pedophilia.

Beier's group conducted a survey to see the stigmatizationof pedophilia. "Almost 40% of the public said pedophiles should be imprisoned, more than 10% said that they should be dead. But when the offenders were given the same survey and asked what they thought people will vote for, they said that 80% of the public would want them dead. This shows pedophiles are extremely scared," he

How the Normalization of Pedophilia Continues to Grow.

Dr. John DeGarmo

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The normalization of pedophilia continues to advance. From toys to animation, there is an attempt being made to make pedophilia more of a mainstream lifestyle choice.

"A trend toward normalizing pedophilia is the latest manifestation of a dangerous understanding of human sexuality that has become more prevalent over the last 30 years." This, according to a leading analyst of cultural trends, Carson Holloway, a political science professor at the University of Nebraska.

The latest attempt is from The United Nations. The United Nations' International Committee of Jurists (ICJ), the intergovernmental organization's principal judicial organ. In a report by Tristan Vanheuckelom, the United Nations new policy would presumably abolish regulations on minimum age requirements for sexual relations, thus paving the way for pedophilia's de-criminalization.

According to Principle 16 of the 8 March Principles', "With respect to the enforcement of criminal law, any prescribed minimum age of consent to sex must be applied in a non-discriminatory manner. Enforcement may not be linked to the sex/gender of participants or age of consent to marriage. Moreover, sexual conduct involving persons below the domestically prescribed minimum age of consent to sex may be consensual in fact, if not in law. In this context, the enforcement of criminal law should reflect the rights and capacity of persons under 18 years of age to make decisions about engaging in consensual sexual conduct and their right to be heard in matters concerning them." In addition, the report sets no age at which it is impossible for a child to consent to sex.

In 2003, author Linda Ames Nicolosi stated that "Normalizing pedophilia would have enormous implications, especially since civil laws closely follow the scientific community on social-moral matters. If pedophilia is deemed normal by psychiatrists, then how it can remain illegal? It will be a tough fight to prove in the courts that it should still be against the law." In 2006, the 'Brotherly Love, Freedom and Diversity party (PNVD)' a Netherlands political party, had as its primary agenda the legalization of child pornography and the lowering of the age of consent to 12 years old.

MAP, or Minor Attracter Person, is also becoming more of an accepted term, one that helps to normalize a lifestyle of pedophilia. Mirjam Heine, in her 2018 TEDx Talk titled "Pedophilia is a natural sexual orientation", argued that pedophilia should be accepted as "an unchangeable sexual orientation," and stated that pedophilia is like any other sexual orientation.

In an opinion piece by Alia E. Dastagir in the USA Today, Dastagir suggests that " not all pedophiles (also known as "Minor Attracted Persons") are sexual predators." Even further, Dastagir suggests that pedophiles are "misunderstood."

The 2020 French film Cuties, which streamed on Netflix, also placed a spotlight on pedophilia. U.S. Sen. Josh Hawley, from Montana, stated that Cuties is "depicting children being coached to engaged in simulated sexual acts."

The normalization of pedophilia has not only been looking for mainstream audiences towards adults, it has also been targeted towards children, as well. Hasbro toys released the Poppy Troll Giggle and Sing doll in early spring of 2020. The doll was aimed towards children 4 years and older. Consumers boycotted the doll after finding that a button, placed under the doll's skirt, had the female troll

exclaim"Whee!" and "Oh!", along with gasps and giggles, when the button was pushed. Hasbro removed the children's toy. Jessica McManis, from Ohio, created a petition to remove the doll from store shelves. "What will this toy make our innocent, impressionable children think? That it's fun when someone touches your private area? That pedophilia and child molestation are OK?" McManis wrote in the petition. "It's not OK! It's not fun! It's damaging and has long term affects on a child's mental [and] physical health!" In August, Hasbro removed the toy from stores after the petition garnered over 150,000 signatures and made national headlines.

Anime, a popular form of Japanese animation, also has promoted pedophiliatowards the children's market. *No Game No Life* centers around a teenage boy and a prepubescent girl, showcasing panty shots of the young girl in many of its artwork. In addition, *Komodo no Jikan* has as its main character Aoki Daisuke, a third grader who has romantic love and sexual lust for her sensei, or teacher, who is 23 years old.

YouTube viewers also have had easy access to pedophilia in the past. In 2017, YouTube found itself in controversy when videos were found on the platform, specifically marketed to children,

presenting popular children's characters with adult themes, at times in sexually explicit ways. In 2019, YouTube again found itself at the center of controversy and soon banned over 400 channels and disabled comments on tens of millions of videos concerning child exploitation.

Lifelike child sex dolls are also available for consumers, only helping to normalize sex between adults and minors. These life size dolls are increasingly lifelike, made of silicon flesh-like material, with some even programed to allow conversations.House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte from Virginia stated "These dolls can be programmed to simulate rape. The very thought makes me nauseous." Rep. Dan Donovan from New York stated warned that "Right now, a few clicks on a computer can allow a predator to order a vile child sex doll. This is not only disturbing — but also endangers the most innocent among us. Once an abuser tires of practicing on a doll, it's a small step to move on to a child." Shockingly, in September of 2020, one mother found that her daughter's likeness was turned into a sex doll, and that the doll was legally for sale on Amazon and other websites.

Perhaps the parable of the frog in boiling water is one that may be a warning sign for society. *If you are a frog, you jump from a pot of boiling water. But if you are placed in a pot of tepid water that is gradually heated to boiling, you die.* The danger signs of the normalization of pedophilia have been around us for some time, yet many have either ignored these signs, or were unfamiliar with them. To be sure, protecting the innocence, safety, and rights of children is one that should be a bi-partisan one, a battle that must be won. If we do not react to the warning signs around us before it is too late, it will be the children who will indeed suffer.

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10 years later: Revisiting Seto's (2012) conceptualization of orientation to sexual maturity among pedohebephilic persons

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Emerging research has examined the experiences of individuals who are sexually attracted to children. This study collected both quantitative and qualitative data from individuals with self-identified pedohebephilic attractions (*n* = 116). Several analyses were used to assess whether the sample characteristics followed **Seto's (2012)** conceptual outline of pedophilia as an orientation to sexual maturity. The three developmental characteristics of gender-based sexual orientation were explored using survey and interview data. Overlapping patterns with relation to the age of onset, expressions of both sexual and romantic attractions, and stability of such attraction over time were found. As noted by researchers and clinicians in this area, there are clear clinical implications associated with a shift in the conceptualization of sexual attraction to children. Such etiological conceptualizations are often poorly understood and/or conflated with sociocultural understandings and reactions. Despite resistance to such conceptualizations, the findings indicate that orientation to sexual maturity closely mirrors the developmental trajectory of gender sexual orientation, as outlined in Seto's seminal paper.

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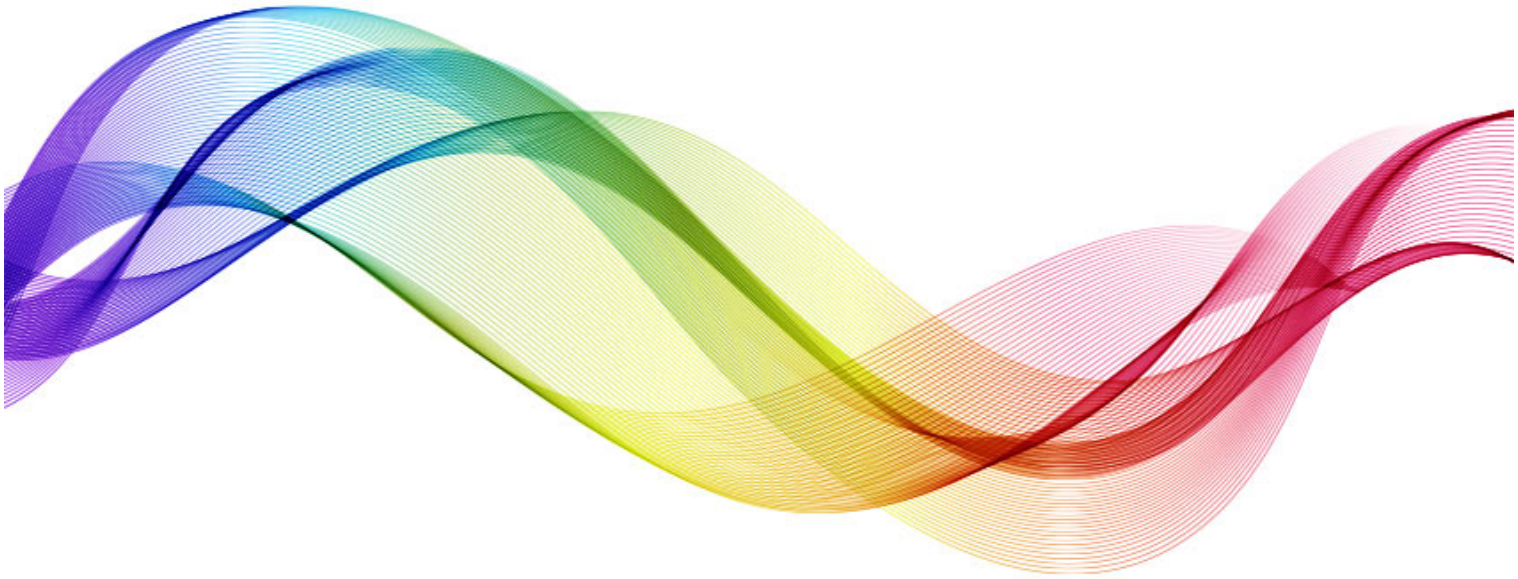

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THE CORNER

Is Pedophilia Just Another 'Sexual Orientation'?

By WESLEY J. SMITH

January 5, 2013 7:16 PM

A disturbing column in the *Guardian* more than suggests that pedophilia may just be another "sexual orientation," an odious comparison. The argument being made is that by acknowledging that the desire for sex with children as just part of the human condition, we can somehow better protect children. Yet, the article also points to some academics who say that sex with adults doesn't hurt children. Can we say, "normalization"?

No debate! No "conversation"! More over at Human Exceptionalism.

Pedophilia erroneously classified as a sexual orientation in medical manual

By KIM LUCES, GMA News

Published November 1, 2013 5:17pm

UPDATED 1Oct2013, 7PM Pedophilia, formerly classified as a disorder, is now a sexual orientation or preference, according to the latest edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-V) by the American Psychiatric Association (APA).

According to a report by Hannah Maluyao of Neon Tommy, the APA is making "a very distinct line between pedophilia and pedophilic disorder".

Pedophilia now refers "to a sexual orientation or profession of sexual preference devoid of consummation, whereas pedophilic disorder is defined as a compulsion and is used in reference to individuals who act on their sexuality," said the report.

This means that a pedophile, who is inclined to fantasize sexually about children, is different from a person with a pedophilic disorder who acts on that inclination.

The classification of pedophilia in the DSM has been evolving over the years, the Women of Grace

report said.

In the fourth edition of DSM, pedophilia was classified as a “disorder only if the fantasies or urges involve children under the age of 13, if they last at least six months, if the individual has acted upon them, or if they cause distress such as legal problems”.

To be corrected

However, according to a report in the Washington Times, the APA said that the DSM entry is erroneous and will be corrected soon.

The same quote was refered to by NeonTommy staff reporter Hannah Maluyao. The quote said that according to the DSM-V, pedophilia “refers to a sexual orientation or profession of sexual preference devoid of consummation, whereas pedophilic disorder is defined as a compulsion and is used in reference to individuals who act on their sexuality.”

APA stressed that pedophilia is not a “sexual orientation”. It was not the term used in the diagnostic criteria for pedophilic disorder. "Sexual orientation" should read ‘sexual interest.’", they told Washington Times.

“In fact, APA considers pedophilic disorder a ‘paraphilia,’ not a ‘sexual orientation.’ This error will be corrected in the electronic version of DSM-5 and the next printing of the manual,” the organization said to Washington Times. The error appeared on page 698, said a spokeswoman.

“APA stands firmly behind efforts to criminally prosecute those who sexually abuse and exploit children and adolescents. We also support continued efforts to develop treatments for those with pedophilic disorder with the goal of preventing future acts of abuse," the statement added.

Preference vs Action

Paul Christiano, a registered sex offender, is a spokesperson of B4U-ACT, a US-based pedophilia advocacy group that is “working towards de-stigmatizing the mental health community.”

“B4U-ACT does not condone illegal activity,” Christiano said in the report.

He said that B4U-ACT encourages “minor-attracted persons” in the organization to “openly acknowledge their feelings and desires.” But these sexual preferences should remain entirely unconsummated and must “remain purely a mental exercise”.

In short, pedophiles must be allowed to fantasize about minors, as long as such acts are never consummated, the report said.

Maluyao asked: “Yet how can we be assured that such behavior remains entirely in the mind and not

carried out in the bedroom?"

"Answer: we can't," she said in her report.

Education vs Consent

Christiano also advocated "sexual autonomy of children."

Maluyao quoted him saying that children "should not be left in the dark about their own sexuality" and that more education in sexuality would help them to better understand boundaries. However, his blog from which he was cited no longer contains the quote.

"There is an underlying suggestion that with sexual knowledge comes sexual consent," Mulayao wrote in her article.

"If children were permitted to be more sexually autonomous, would they then be able to fully consent to a sexual relationship or, more importantly, a sexual relationship with an adult?"

Caitlin Myers, a doctorate student in sociology at the University of Southern California said, "in theory, pedophilia as practiced sexual orientation walks a thin line. There is no possibility of pedophilia becoming an accepted sexual orientation in current culture."

Although an open discussion of sexuality will be helpful, children still cannot give consent.

Predisposition to sin vs. committing a sin

Dr. Gregory Popcak of the Pastoral Solutions Institute, does not think that people should be too concerned with these changes to the DSM, since the changes made were more editorial than clinical, according to the report.

"If it is just to distinguish between ideation and actions, I think that's fine. In fact, that would be exactly how the Catholic Church thinks of it. One can have a predisposition to a sin or even a strong temptation to a sin without committing a sin," he said in his article in Patheos, a website for discussions on religion.

"There is a big difference between thinking about robbing a bank and actually robbing it. Neither is good, but only the latter is actually sinful."

However, he warns, “if calling it an orientation is somehow used or co-opted by some social advocacy group to justify pedophilia as ‘just another normal expression of sexual desires’ then that would be seriously problematic.”

“That said, I don’t really think that’s what’s happening–at this time, anyway.”

Legislation

Christiano explained in Maluyao's article that negative societal attitudes towards minor-attracted persons “trickle down to policy-making and the mental health community.”

Myers said that the sex-offender registry in the United States needs to be “more sensitive to the nature of crime”, adding the main problem with the registry is its “one size fits all” viewpoint.

“There could be a man who committed 20 consecutive rapes and a 19-year-old boy who had sex with his 17-year-old girlfriend and they would be punished in the same manner,” she said.

The Pam Lychner Sexual Offender Tracking and Identification Act of 1996 (Lychner Act) requires the US Attorney General to “establish a national database at the FBI to track the whereabouts and movements of certain convicted sex offenders.”

In the Philippines, children are protected by the Special Protection For a Child Against Abuse, Exploitation, and Discrimination Act.

The law protects them from (1) Child Prostitution and other sexual abuse; (2) Child trafficking; (3) Obscene publications and indecent shows; (4) Other acts of abuses; and (5) Circumstances which threaten or endanger the survival and normal development of children.

The law does define nor mention the word "pedophilia". **— JDS/TJD, GMA News**
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Pedophilia, sexual orientation, and birth order.

By Bogaert, Anthony F.,Bezeau, Scott,Kuban, Michael,Blanchard, Ray
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Abstract

This study extended research on birth order and erotic preferences by examining birth order in a sample of pedophiles. Charts of 338 pedophiles, assessed from 1980–1994 in the Behavioural Sexology Department of the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry in Toronto, were reviewed for family demographic information. In total, 170 (57 heterosexual pedophiles, 68 homosexual pedophiles, and

45 bisexual pedophiles) of these men had sufficient sibling information to be included in the analyses. The results indicated that homosexual-bisexual pedophiles had a later birth order than heterosexual pedophiles and that this effect was primarily the result of the homosexual-bisexual group being born later among their brothers. The results extend previous findings that homosexual men, regardless of sample composition, have a later birth order than comparable groups of heterosexual men. The results also challenge some existing theories on the nature and origins of pedophilia. (PsycInfo Database Record (c) 2022 APA, all rights reserved)

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Controversy: Should Pedophilia Be Classified As a Sexual Orientation?

The American Psychiatric Association's upcoming fifth edition of the DSM has created quite a stir.

February 22, 2013
By Kate Ferguson
When the American Psychiatric Association published the first edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) in 1952, the clinician's bible listed 106 diagnosed mental illnesses. By the manual's fourth edition, DSM-IV, the manual's pages numbered 886 and its listing of mental illnesses soared to 365. Over the course of the book's growth spurts, controversy reigned. Amidst constant criticism from both within and without the profession, diagnoses were excitedly embraced then summarily discarded like hot passion grown cold. Soon to publish, in May 2013, the DSM will mature into its fifth edition, the DSM-V. One of the new manual's biggest controversies focuses on expanding the definition of pedophilia, the sexual attraction of adults to physically immature children. What's disturbing to many people is the reality that pedophilia has no cure and research confirms that adults who are hardwired this way are unlikely to change their sexual preferences. As a result, a growing number of researchers now view pedophilia—previously classified as a perversion in the DSM—as a sexual orientation.

According to a paper published in the Archives of Sexual Behavior, historically, the sexual use of young children was an accepted social practice in almost all cultures. And even today, interest and indulgence in adult-child sex flourishes in all parts of the world. To date, mental health professionals still can't say what causes an adult to sexually desire a child. In February 2011, psychologist Vernon Quinsey, PhD, a professor emeritus at Canada's Queen's University, told the country's parliament that pedophilia should be classified as a sexual orientation. "As far as we know—and many people have tried—these sexual interests are not modifiable by any method that's been tried yet," Quinsey told Good, an online magazine. But not all pedophiles act on their urges, and unless the person is particularly at high-risk of harming a child, these people should not necessarily be tossed into jail, he added.

Instead, Quinsey and other mental health professionals suggest that society focus more on effective ways to help pedophiles control their urges. Many of them agree the first step toward doing just that will start with the DSM-V reclassifying pedophilia as a sexual orientation.

And so the controversy continues.

(Please share your opinion. Click here to take the poll.)

Did The APA Change the Definition of Pedophilia to a Sexual Orientation?

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There's an article making the rounds online that says the American Psychiatric Association has changed the definition of pedophilia, leaving many angry, confused, and concerned.

The article claims 'the APA states it now classifies pedophilia as a sexual orientation or preference instead of a disorder' in the new Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) -- basically the handbook of the psych world.

The problem is, it's horribly out of context, and basically untrue.

To break it down, the APA attempted to distinguish between 'levels' of pedophilia. There are those who have sexual or obsessive thoughts about children, without acting on them, and there are the more sinister types, who actually act on those thoughts, and abuse and molest children. The former was called pedophilia, the latter called pedophilic disorder.

They changed the wording, people flipped out, and the APA issued THIS crazy-long statement to explain:

In the ... DSM-III-R, the criteria sets for the Paraphilias included a clinical significance criterion (i.e., "the person has acted on these urges, or is markedly distressed by them") in recognition of the fact that the mere presence of paraphilic sexual urges or fantasies do not necessarily warrant a diagnosis of a paraphilia in an individual. During the preparation of ... DSM-IV, the wording of this criterion was adjusted (i.e.,"the fantasies, sexual urges, or behaviors cause clinically significant distress or impairment in social, occupational, or other important areas of functioning") as part of the effort to adopt uniform wording for the clinical significance criterion across the disorders. ... Some readers misunderstood this new wording as greatly restricting the number of individuals who would be diagnosed with Pedophilia by requiring that they be distressed by their behavior in order to qualify for the diagnosis. This was clearly never intended, since it is well recognized that many (if not most) individuals with Pedophilia are not distressed by their pedophilic urges, fantasies, and

behaviors. ...
There was never any intention to no longer include individuals who acted on their urges.
To remove any possible ambiguity regarding whether acting out pedophilic urges with others is sufficient for a diagnosis of Pedophilia, the original DSM-III-R wording has been reinstated.
The kicker is, they realized that people were going crazy about this, and in the new edition, the DSM V, they didn't change it at all:
Although proposals were discussed throughout the DSM-5 development process, diagnostic criteria ultimately remained the same as in DSM-IV TR. Only the disorder name will be changed from pedophilia to pedophilic disorder to maintain consistency with the chapter's other listings.'
A lot of religious-based news sites are using the supposed change to compare pedophilia to homosexuality, claiming that since pedophilia is now a sexual orientation, it will soon be socially accepted the way homosexuality is, and therefore the end is nigh, etc...
It's crap.
Not to mention that it's incredibly offensive to think pedophilia should be placed in the same category as homosexuality. (It's 2013. If two consenting ADULTS want to get together, live and let live, and LET IT GO.)
It didn't take much work to look up the actual change and find out what really happened. As with most things online, I encourage you to check it out before blindly sharing the truth and possibly spreading misinformation.
Do you see a lot of rumors spread online? Tell us in the comment section below!
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WHY WE MUST NEVER ALLOW PEDOPHILIA TO BE REFRAMED AS 'PEDOSEXUALITY'

By Neffer Kerr | December 14, 2017

There have been a lot of posts and images on social media lately talking about and promoting something called "pedosexuality." However, being sexually attracted to children is NOT a sexual orientation. It is a sexual disorder. And it is and should always be called pedophilia.
There are many powerful creeps in this world that have been slowly pushing for changes in legislation regarding age of consent and the classification of pedophilia, and we as a society have been quite inattentive.
It should be understood that pedophilia is about being sexually attracted to children. It is based on age and no two pedophiles are the same. The child can be prepubescent, under-developed, or over-developed physically, but the common denominator in attraction is always age. This is because most sexual abuse is rooted in the abuser feeling in control of the victim. And it is easier to victimize

children than it is adults.

Pedophiles can be heterosexual or homosexual. So it is important that people do not link pedophilia with the LGBTQ community because it is NOT connected. The only thing they share is that society has treated both groups as outliers traditionally. And yes, I understand that at one point in history, being gay was considered a "disorder," but the truth is, two consenting adults should be able to love and do whatever they wish with one another (gender aside). Not an adult and a child.

Pedophilia is never consensual because for it to be effectively executed, manipulation must occur. That is not how "love" or authentic attraction works. As a society, we must never allow "pedosexuality" to become a "thing." No one should be able to stand proudly and say "I'm a pedosexual" versus "I am a pedophile." The difference is that the former is prideful and basically subscribes to the philosophy of "I am proud that I am sexually stimulated by hurting or wanting to hurt children, and you should accept and be okay with that."

These lines do not need to be blurred and giving pedophiles license to consider their disorder an orientation is exactly that.

Sexually abusing children is NOT okay. It is criminal, selfish, and damaging – emotionally, psychologically, and in many cases physically – to whomever is being victimized. It is a grooming process that is confusing and manipulative. And with all the victims of sexual abuse who I have spoken to, who were abused as children, NOT ONE of them said they ever "wanted it."

For many, there is an emotional aspect connected to sex. Children are not mentally mature enough to handle all of the additional emotions and attachments that can come with being sexually stimulated. Even against one's will, the body's physiological response to certain types of touch and stimuli can be deceiving and confusing to a child. This can become a mechanism for a pedophile to manipulate or play on.

"See, you must like it or you wouldn't be turned on," causes shame and confusion in a young person in an effort to better control them, keep them from telling, and prolong the abuse. This is why being manipulated sexually by adults is an especially insidious act (for male and female minors). And it is no less insidious when it is done to a boy (by a woman and/or man). That should never be minimized because all kinds of issues are created in boys.

DON'T MAKE ABUSE OKAY.

I doubt any victim of sexual abuse as a child, who is of sound mind, will say that having an experience with a pedophile was a good thing, let alone a healthy and equally-balanced relationship.

The truth is, we MUST wake up and speak against pedophilia vehemently. Why? Because pedophiles are starting to feel emboldened and like they should be recognized in a positive way.

I recently saw a very disturbing video of a man who called himself a "virtuous" pedophile because he claimed to have never acted on his impulses towards children. In fact, there are many people like him who are referring to themselves as "'virtuous." That's like wanting to be celebrated for not killing people when you're not supposed to kill people in the first place. Unfortunately, there are people who want to normalize and legalize manipulating and sexually abusing children.

We can no longer stand by disengaged in politics and legislation when normalizing pedophilia is being pushed by individuals, groups, and organizations like NAMBLA (North American Man/Boy Love Association… and yes, it's real and just as disturbing as it sounds). We do not have the luxury of assuming that legislation this insidious could never make it to the floor to become a law to be passed. Our current administration proves daily that reason and rationale no longer have a home in Congress.

These are just some of the reasons why we must NEVER allow Pedophilia (a disorder) to be re-framed as "Pedosexuality" (an orientation). It is not a thing. It must never be allowed to become a thing, because if pedophilia is allowed be classified, normalized, and recognized as a sexual orientation, then NO CHILD walking this earth will ever be safe.

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Sexual preference disorders

These conditions are characterized by the presence of a persistent disposition, or Compulsive **drive towards unusual** (deviant) **and socially unacceptable sexual objects**. This tendency can be present in fantasies, dreams and is related to sexual excitement and erotic orientation of the subject.

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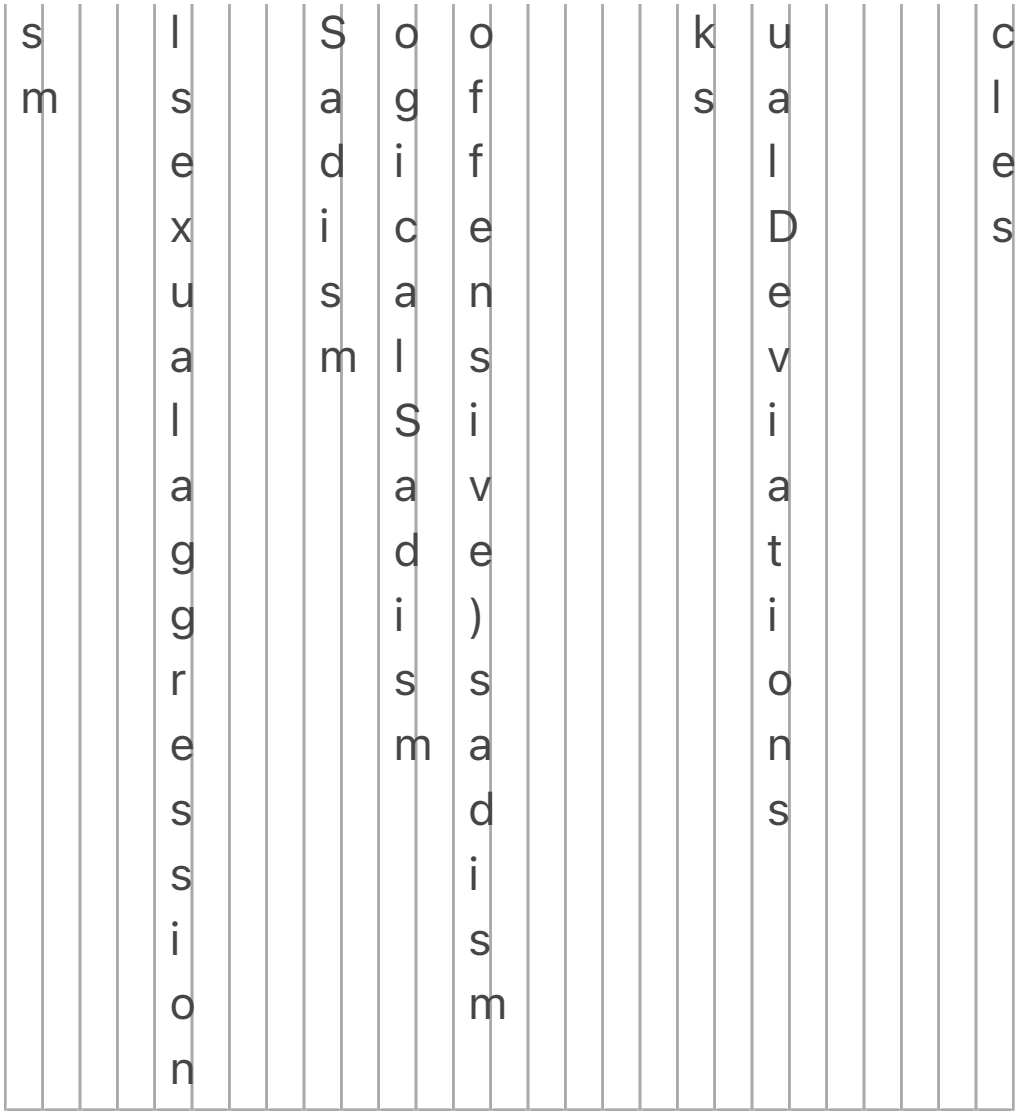

Pedophilia

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- ICD-10: ***Pedophilia*** F65.4

Pedophilia is '**sexual orientation towards pre-adolescent, i.e. childish objects without expressed secondary sexual characteristics**. *Pedophilic orientation can be heterosexual, homosexual, or bisexual in nature. The frequency of individual forms of this deviation can also be assumed in the given order.*

Etiology

We are not aware of any generally accepted etiological concept of pedophilia. **Predisposition *for her should be the absence of those instinctive mechanisms that suppress sexual tendencies in relation to child objects. Such mechanisms in relation to the ``juvenile features* of the object are well known experimentally in subhuman animals. However, it cannot be ruled out that erotic interest in children is inhibited by learned processes. Learned inhibitions can be weakened primarily by socially defective influences and upbringing or emotional deprivation in childhood. The important thing is that only a small part of pedophilic individuals clearly prefer children's objects to adults. Most pedophiles are also capable of erotic reactions to mature objects. Their**

orientation is therefore not as pronounced in this direction as it can be seen in homosexual people.

Prognosis

Pedophilia, similar to sexual identification disorders, has the nature of a *lifelong orientation*, persistent characteristics. Only manifestations change with age. The subject copes with his pedophile tendencies in different ways. They can be completely denied and repressed. In such cases, there is sometimes a *sublimation of pedophilic tendencies*. For example, to top works of art, or to excellent performances in the field of working with children and pedagogy.

Elsewhere, the pedophile individual fails to suppress deviant tendencies and tries to act them out. Some show a strong interest in pedophile objects already in adolescence. Others do so only at a later age, sometimes even in old age. As if with a decrease in sexual activity it became more and more difficult for them to realize themselves with an adult object.

If the pedophile's approach to the object is not aggressive, any sexual contact with the child sometimes remains hidden for a very long time. Pedophiles skillfully infiltrate the child's world. They use their *ability to empathize with the psyche of children*. Intimate contacts can take the form of play or instruction, a kind of "sex education". A pedophile most often achieves his satisfaction through masturbation. Sometimes he exposes his genitalia in front of children. Genital connection is relatively rare in pedophile contacts. However, with a prepubertal child, anal and vaginal coitus are always traumatic and dangerous. The appearance of minor injuries on the genitals and anus, as well as the appearance of condyloma in the anogenital landscape, are among the symptoms that should raise suspicion of sexual abuse.

Treatment

It is likely that most pedophile men will never seek out a doctor or sex counselor. Their focus may not be a major problem for them throughout their lives. Compensations in the marriage bond are usually well able. Any sublimation of pedophilic tendencies is not the subject of interest of sexologists, psychiatrists or psychologists. In counseling centers and ambulances, we mostly meet those pedophile men who have failed and committed some pedophile delict. If sexual adaptation is not possible for some reason (personality disorder, mental retardation) and there is a risk of further pedophile crimes, then short-term or even long-term suppression of sexual activity with appropriate therapy should be considered.

The level of danger is higher where pedophilia is combined with elements of sexually aggressive, or even sadistic. Fortunately, there are not many such cases.

Close to pedophilia is ``ephebophilia *(homosexual) or* hebephilia *(heterosexual), which is a specific erotic orientation towards young pubescent objects. Homosexual men in particular sometimes suffer from this paraphilia and seek out boys aged 12-14 for intimate sex. Such a preference has the same connotations as true pedophilia, requiring consistent therapeutic measures. On the other hand, a similar "specialization" of heterosexual men on girls in puberty is not so pathologically pronounced. Only rarely does it require specific treatment.*

Fetishism

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- MKN-10: ***Fetishism*** F65

According to MKN-10, a fetish is an **"inanimate object"** that is an important **source of sexual stimulation** or is necessary for achieving a satisfactory sexual response.

In this sexual deviation, the subject's erotic interest is focused only on a certain **symbol of a sexual partner**. It may be a specific part of the body and its specific quality, a part of clothing (lingerie, shoes), or it may have nothing to do with an erotic object at all (such as fur, rubber, etc.). Fetishistic fixations also include cases of sexual intercourse with **animals**, in which the animal has a specific erotic value for the deviant. Rare cases include fetishes for unattractive things, such as chairs, urine, and foul-smelling waste (**coprophilia, urophilia, mysophilia**). Fetishes for fire (**pyrophilia**) and dead bodies (**necrophilia**) are also rare.

Fetishistic fixations are also the basis of many **sexual addictions,** such as addiction to prostitution, pornographic magazines, video programs, erotic phone calls, and the like.

It seems that only a very small number of fetishists have problems with their deviation. Usually, this deviation has the nature of some **harmless** quirks and peculiarities. In young men, the interest in fetishism can be very urgent. They may then commit thefts of clothing and other items. Other fetishistic fixations can also lead to **conflict with the law.** For example, when a coprophile asks randomly contacted girls to provide him with a stool sample. Or when a pyrophile sets serial fires of stacks and buildings instead of harmless candle, lamp or "witch" burning. Similarly, zoophilic practices may not be without consequences for the attacked animal.

Various "sexual addictions" also bear elements of fetishism. In practice, we mainly encounter men addicted to various erotic audio or audiovisual programs. Such individuals compulsively consume erotic phone lines, pornography in books, magazines, and on the internet. We also know men addicted to prostitution. Sometimes such addiction drives them to spend considerable sums of money on such "hobbies" and can complicate their lives.

Transvestism has its fetishistic form. We then speak of **fetishistic transvestism** (MKN-10: F65.1). These men get a considerable erotic excitement
from wearing women's underwear and dresses. They satisfy themselves with various autoerotic practices. This deviation is indirectly related to transsexuality. A typical fetishistic transvestite usually has a heterosexual orientation and does not think about changing his gender.

Fetishism has a strong **compulsive** component. Because it is not always well controlled by rational mechanisms, in cases of highly urgent fetishistic behaviors (sexual addiction, stealing clothing and other fetishes, coprophilia, transvestitism), it is sometimes necessary to use medication to effectively reduce sexual activity. However, the emphasis is on psychotherapy aimed at teaching the patient alternative sexual practices.

Exhibitionism

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ICD-10: ***Exhibitionism F65.2***

In this sexual deviance, the subject becomes excited and remonstrates by **exposing his genitals in front of the desired object** . Since the exhibitionist is male, the exposed genital is usually the genital organ. It is understandable, because even in animals the penis has considerable signaling importance. In typical cases, the exhibitionist annoys adult women with his nudity and does not try to get close to the object in his actions.

Exhibitionism is **one of the most widespread sexual deviations** . At least once in their lives, most women encounter genital exposure. This experience is most common in women under the age of 25. It is therefore obvious that the expositors choose their "victims" according to age, among other things.

Similar to fetishism , we believe that exhibitionism results in some form of learning on the available terrain. The motivation of exhibitionists is undoubtedly related to deficiencies in sex life in general. These men are often single and if they have a partner relationship, then the frequency of intercourse tends to be lower than their need. As if their sexuality was not spontaneous enough. Wives of exhibitionists often complain about their men's lower interest in partner sex.

A typical exhibitionist **does not have** tendencies aggressive and does not attack children's objects . The motivation for genital exposure in some psychotics , demented individuals and the like is completely non-sexual. In mentally defective individuals, atypical genital exposures sometimes occur as a manifestation of sexual clumsiness in approaching the object.

Exhibitionists are a grateful object of psychotherapy , sometimes even group therapy. The compulsion of their deviant drive makes them the most repetitive sexual deviant. Therefore, for those who are active and repeatedly fail, treatment with medications to suppress sexual activity is completely appropriate.

Voyeryism

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Voyerism

Pathological sexual aggression

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- MNK-10: this paraphilia does not have a separate sign, so it belongs to ***"Other sexual preference disorders" F65.8***

Some repetitive and **dangerous sexual aggressors**have no obvious sadistic deviant disposition. These young offenders attack women they do not know. Their attack is violent, without any attempt at verbal communication. The assaulted woman is groped, sometimes knocked down or raped. The attacker resists any cooperation from the victim. The behavioral stereotypes of these men resemble hunting behavior. Often these men are psychopathic personalities with a slight mental defect. Their social adaptation tends to be significantly defective. If they have any partnership at all, it tends to be dysfunctional and conflictual.

These dangerous sexual aggressors must be distinguished from immature, completely *sexually*

inexperienced youths. However, the distinction is not always easy. Especially for young men without sexual partner experience, it would be a mistake to consider them incapable of conventional sexual adaptation just because they have committed a few sexually aggressive offenses.
Massers and **terriers** form a relatively separate subgroup of pathological sexual aggressors. Their sexual excitement and satisfaction is enhanced when they press themselves on women in completely impersonal situations, or touch women in such situations. They retaliate by rubbing against the victim (terriers) or by touching objects (touchers), and tactile contact is what they strive for the most. They usually do not tend to communicate with the object and often actively avoid any communication. Due to the anonymity of the object and the refusal to communicate, the inkers and terriers are included in a large family of deviations with disorders of pairing mechanisms.
The most popular field of realization of terry clothers and inkers is crowding in public transport, in queues for anything, but also concerts of rock bands and similar situations.

Sadism

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- ICD-10: ***Sadomasochism*** ***F65.5***

The object of erotic interest of sadists is **Pathological sexual aggression** **and hostility towards the sexual object**. Also, anything related to aggression. Sexual violence has a varied phenomenology. The manifestations of sadism and sadists also look like this. It is a whole range of sexually deviant tendencies and activities. From fetishistic sadistic partner expressions to offensive sadism and sadistic murder. Thus, the label "sadist" alone does not classify someone as a dangerous individual. This designation always needs to be further specified.
For practical and descriptive reasons, we recommend distinguishing sadism: fetishistic, pseudopedagogical and aggressive. This deviance in all its manifestations can be heterosexual, homosexual or bisexual. There is pedophilic sadism, but also gerontophilic sadism. We have repeatedly observed sadists who have shown their sexually aggressive tendencies on animals. We can therefore also speak of zoophilic sadism.

Fetishistic Sadism

This sexual deviation is of the nature of **intimate erotic predilection**. The victim is usually not *seriously threatened*. Sometimes the object as a whole is in the background and the erotic fascination is only with props that are somehow related to the violence. The deviance may be fantasy in nature (*ideatory sadism*). Then its manifestations are peculiar literary or artistic productions. Sometimes these are self-serving pseudo-artistic works, sometimes such works have a certain artistic ambition. The classic of fetishistic sadism, after whom the whole deviation takes its name, was the *Marquis A. de Sade* (1740-1840). Apart from literary works of dubious artistic value ('Justine', 'Philosophy in the Boudoir', etc.), this man repeatedly committed sexually aggressive offences. He was therefore clearly not a mere ideological paraphiliac.
A fetishistic sadist can pursue his deviant interests with a **willing sexual partner**. Often he uses the services of specialized prostitutes. In some countries, fetish sadists form deviant erotic clubs. Here

it is possible to obtain both sadistic props and a willing partner for a fee. Because sadism in this embodiment is perfectly complementary to its inverse image, masochism, it is sometimes referred to as **sadomasochism'** (*SM clubs*). However, there are very few actual sadomasochists in the population. We can usually classify an individual as either a sadist or a masochist, depending on his or her erotic preferences.
Fetishistic sadists generally do not commit any crimes. They are therefore *discovered only by accident*. Some young fetishistic sadists consult a sexological counsellor because they are disturbed by their strange erotic fantasies. The partners of these men sometimes disclose their sexually deviant predilections. Either because they are surprised and offended by these practices, or (more often) because there has been a partner or marital conflict and the counterpart needs to be discredited as much as possible in the eyes of those around him.

Pseudopedagogical Sadism

Especially those sadists who target children or adolescents are close to this kind of sadism. The main features of pseudopedagogical sadism are **emphasis on obedience and discipline**. Dominance over the object is symbolized by *dressage* and a peculiar *education* for absolute submission. The violence used by these delinquents to achieve this may be only mild and symbolic. But the actual torture of the object, whether psychological or physical, is no exception. The domain of pseudo-pedagogical sadism is **partner relations** and **child-rearing**(whether in the family or in institutions).
If a sexual deviant of this kind appears in a position where he has some power over other people, he can become a source of considerable suffering for his charges. This pseudo-pedagogical form of sadism, like fetishistic sadism, can also sometimes occur in women.

Aggressive (offensive) sadism

An aggressive sadist **brutally attacks an object to subdue it**. He does not demand consent or submission, nor does he seek much of it. Sometimes he seems to need primarily the negative reactions of the object, his fear, terror and disgust. The object is usually immobilized by physical violence or severe threats. The manner of attacking the object is often ritualistically *stereotyped*. There is beating, attack with a stone or stick to the head, smashing, strangling, tying, drugging. At other times, the subject is attacked with a firearm, literally *ambushed*.
Typical of the aggressive sadist is the brutal and *self-inflicted torture* of the subjugated object. These deviants make it clear by their behaviour that the true aim of the attack is not to obtain sexual intercourse. The brutal physical violence is accompanied by bossing and bullying. The victim may be tortured in various ways and sometimes even Suicide. An assaultive sadist differs from a pathological sexual aggressor primarily by the fact that he or she tortures and humiliates the object. The **props** needed to assault and abuse the object are sometimes carried by the assaultive sadist. These include knives, guns, handcuffs, ropes, chains, etc. In contact with the victim, such an assaultive sadist sometimes does not even reach the emotional climax. At other times, during a long ritual, he will satisfy himself repeatedly and in different ways. Often he deliberately delays the

orgasm, showing that he is primarily concerned with the thrill of tormenting his victim.
Aggressive sadists include *most serial sexual killers*. Their offences are often carried out in a stereotypical manner, using the same technique. Few aggressive sadists, however, begin their delinquent careers with sexual homicide. Most of the time, the dangerousness of their offences escalates. The typical progression goes through atypical genital exposure and less severe aggressive acts.
The assaultive sadist is rarely a willing client of a sexologist. Working with them is a matter of medical management of sex offenders.

Razorback

They are a less dangerous subgroup of offensive sadists. These sexually motivated men, typically obsessive, **damage women's outer clothing**. They take advantage of similar situations to frotheists and tuffers. I mean, crowding. Their classic tool is a razor or razor blade, which can be used to subtly and effectively damage women's outfits. Individuals have also been repeatedly described using acid, sprayed from a specially prepared container or syringe, for the same purpose.
The razor-wielder shows himself either at the scene by rubbing himself against the object or by jerking off, or more often by masturbating in seclusion. These sexual deviants usually have highly sadistic erotic fantasies.
Diagnosing sadism in an examination is not easy where the subject is uncooperative or his cooperation in the examination is only formal. Sexually aggressive topics are among the most taboo and repressed. They are even less entrusted to the community than paedophilic or homosexual tendencies. Sexual aggressiveness may not correlate at all with the general aggressiveness of the examinee's personality.

Masochism

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- ICD-10: ***Sadomasochism*** ***F65.5***

A masochist is erotically *fascinated by aggression directed against his person*. He becomes sexually aroused when he is molested, stomped on, humiliated, bullied, beaten or even tormented.
It is an inverse sexual preference in relation to sadism. Because the props of fetishistic sadism and masochism are actually identical and the area of sexual interests similar, both deviations are sometimes described as '*sadomasochism*. Masochistic elements are rarely present in pseudo-pedagogical and especially aggressive sadists.
Masochists cajole or bribe their sexual objects into tormenting, humiliating and commanding them. Deviation can take a heterosexual and homosexualform. The object can be adults and adolescents. Only rarely are children the object of masochists. Some masochists prefer outright geronts. Many masochists are not looking for a partner. Either because he does not want to share his intimate interests with anyone, or because he is autoerotically oriented. Such masochists sometimes inflict serious injuries on themselves using various torture devices of their own design. For example, a man

who repeatedly masturbated with an imitation penis, which he inserted into his anus. He rubbed the "Tool" with pepper and cayenne pepper to induce the desired rectal pain.
The phenomenon of ``erotic asphyxiophilia *can also be attributed to masochism. These individuals induce sexual arousal by strangling themselves with their hands or with a choker. In more complex cases, they build various nooses ('**repetitive erotic hanging***)*. **The stimulation technique used is so dangerous that it sometimes happens that the patient pays for the autoerotic manipulation with his life. Every year, the police find several men killed by autoerotic manipulations. It is interesting that in the vast majority of cases the immediate surroundings of such a person have no idea about his** deviant tendencies**.**
The classic of fetishistic masochism was the Austrian count and writer of historical and erotic novels '*L. von Sacher-Masoch* (1836 - 1895). His erotic novels are devoted to descriptions of dominant women, dressed in leather and fur. The opposite of dominant women are submissive and enslaved men who serve their mistresses and are excited by their despotism.

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Fox News 'Doctor': Pedophilia Is A Sexual Orientation That Can Be Shaped
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First it was pink toenails. Then it was Chaz Bono(until Fox News pulled the article). Now, Fox News Medical A-Team contributor Dr. Keith Ablow is back to confuse readers about sexual orientation, sexual disorders, and gender identity in a post devoid of any valid conclusions. The premise of his article is to defend his previous claim that Vogue's sexual images of minors "can actually 'create' pedophiles." Here are some of the fanciful ideas Ablow squeezes into his pieceunder that pretense:
– Pedophilia is a "sexual orientation." (It's not, it's a psychiatric disorder.)

– Sexual orientation can be shaped by one's environment. (He is correct that "desires" and "behavior" can be influenced by environment, but neglects to draw any distinction between contextual responses and an enduring orientation.)
– Prison normalizes homosexuality. (Besides reinforcing a stereotype, Ablow again conflates behavior with orientation. Men who have sex with men in prison don't become gay.)
– Parental relationships with parents influence sexuality. (This is a junk science ex-gay talking point that folks like Rich Wyler and Richard Cohen use to substantiate their bogus "touch therapy.")
– People who are transgender "are on tortuous, tragic paths through confused identity issues." (Any psychologist with an ounce of merit would appreciate that transitioning gender is all about affirming the individual's identity, and while the journey may be challenging, there is nothing "tortuous," "tragic," or "confusing" about it.)
– Gender dysphoria can be "kindled" and shaped by one's environment. (What Ablow is insinuating is that, like sexual orientation, gender identity is also a choice—or at least something that can be controlled. On both counts, he is wrong.)
It's astonishing that Fox News would boast having someone like Ablow on its "Medical A-Team" when everything that he writes is fiction. Then again, perhaps Fox News has little interest in providing factual data to its audience when propagating myths about the LGBT community caters so much more to social conservatives' interests.
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Pedophilia A Sexual Disorder, Orientation, A Mental Disorder, Or Something Else?

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In the DSM-5 it is known as *pedophilic disorder* and is categorized among *paraphilic disorders*.
The term paraphilia denotes any intense and persistent sexual interest other than sexual interest in genital stimulation or preparatory fondling with phenotypically normal, physically mature, consenting human partners [...]
Pedophilic disorder is characterized by an anomalous target preference, specifically sexual focus on children ("generally age 13 years or younger").
Strictly speaking, it is included in the APA's manual for *mental disorders*. However, there are caveats, for example:
In most situations, the clinical diagnosis of a DSM-5 mental disorder such as [...] pedophilic disorder does not imply that an individual with such a condition meets legal criteria for the presence of a mental disorder or a specified legal standard (e.g., for competence, criminal responsibility, or disability)
It is also important to understand the epistemology behind the DSM, such that diagnosis has to fulfill a harm criterion, such that one of the criteria to diagnose *pedophilic disorder* is that:
B. The individual has acted on these sexual urges, or the sexual urges or fantasies cause marked distress or interpersonal difficulty.
And more specifically:
Such individuals may still be diagnosed with pedophilic disorder despite the absence of self-reported distress, provided that there is evidence of recurrent behaviors persisting for 6 months (Criterion A) and evidence that the individual has acted on sexual urges or experienced interpersonal difficulties as a consequence of the disorder (Criterion B).
Likewise, the ICD-11 categorizes *pedophilic disorder* among *paraphilic disorders*: "In addition, in order for Pedophilic Disorder to be diagnosed, the individual must have acted on these thoughts, fantasies or urges or be markedly distressed by them."
In principle, and today, *pedophilia* or *pedophilia* is (or can be) considered a mental disorder, specifically a paraphilic disorder.
I state "today" because previous editions of these manuals had different terminology, such that the ICD-10 categorized *pedophilia* among *disorders of sexual preference*.
In a past edition of the DSM-5, the term *sexual orientation* was used: "The term sexual orientation ordinarily reflects an individual's subjective awareness of the category (or categories) of persons toward whom he or she is erotically attracted". Some researchers argue that it is a "sexual age orientation", as in that it denotes a sexual and potentially romantic attraction towards a certain age, that emerges early in life and is potentially stable over time. Of course, it is controversial because of the social implications.
I have never heard about pedophilia being "exclusively a European phenomenon" and I consider that improbable. In any case, "[t]he prevalence of pedophilia in the general population is unknown because large-scale epidemiological surveys have not yet been conducted. Much smaller surveys of convenience samples suggest that the upper limit for the prevalence of pedophilia is around 5%".

If we put aside pedophilia as a paraphilia or as a diagnosis and only consider the criminal behavior, this meta-analysis about child sexual abuse suggests the contrary:

As regards the continent from which study samples were drawn the highest prevalence rate of child sexual abuse is found in Africa (34.4%; 21.1–50.7, 95% CI), represented by Morocco, Tanzania and mainly, South Africa. ***Europe****, including many different countries (e.g. Spain, Finland), shows the lowest prevalence rate (9.2%; 6.8–12.3, 95% CI). Finally,* ***America****, Asia and Oceania have prevalence rates between 10.1 and 23.9%.*

Specifically, the prevalence in the American continent is 15.8%. There are differences among countries, such that: in the USA, the mean prevalence of reported male and female child sexual abuse is respectively 7.5% and 25.3. In Spain, it's 13.4% and 18.5%. I would be prudent in stating that the US has worse prevalence than European countries because comparing different studies with different numbers has potential methodological issues (e.g. differences in counting rules and legal definitions), so I will just suggest that the US and Europe have similar prevalence and that it is far from being "exclusively" European.

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There are a lot of debates around this topic, but currently, it is classed as a disorder — although its definitions change with each iteration of the DSM. IIRC it's currently listed as a type of paraphilia (perversion) alongside various fetishes considered abnormal. There have been a few studies which indicate that pedophiles experience arousal patterns which make their attraction to children analogous to a sexual orientation–but the decision of whether to categorise it as an orientation or a disorder IMO is (and should) always be an institutional one based on how best to reduce the harms associated with paedophiliac tendencies.

Regarding what you were told about pedophilia being a European phenomenon, there is a degree of truth in the claim insofar as the pedophile as a medicalised identity was developed in a European context. Prior to the 19th and 20th century there was no category of "pedophile", and it is only with modern testing and examination of humans through clinical and carcereal practices that such an identity could develop and make sense. This is not to say that before Post-Enlightenment medicine people did not have paedophiliac tendencies, or that child sexual abuse did not occur–but it is to say that the way pedophile has been constructed is something that draws on European forms of social categorisation.

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"Queer" Academic Suggests Pedophilia Be Taught in Schools as an Innate Sexuality

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A professor of Ethics at Oslo Metropolitan University in Norway has called to legalize AI-generated child pornography, claiming that pedophilia should be seen as an innate sexuality that requires destigmatization.

Ole Martin Moen, a gay man who identifies as "queer," currently serves as a member of the advisory board on Norway's Patient Organization for Gender-Incongruence(PKI), a social and political lobby group for trans rights. According to their official website, PKI's purpose is to provide access to "gender-affirming treatment" to the public "regardless of factors like non-binary identity, sexual practice or having other diagnosis." Moen has also served as academic council at Civita, Norway's largest liberal think tank, since 2015.

Recently, Moen targeted Christina Ellingsen, a Norwegian feminist who is facing a police investigation and a potential sentence of three years in prison for tweets in which she stated that men cannot be lesbians.

Moen has repeatedly harassed the Twitter account of Women's Declaration International Norway,

making false claims about the nature of the investigation against Ellingsen.

But while Moen believes Ellingsen's ideas on transgenderism are worth criminal prosecution, his own academic history would likely be considered far more disturbing to the average person.

"Pedophilia is bad. But how bad is it? And in what ways, and for what reasons, is it bad?" Moen wrote in a 2015 paper titled "The Ethics of Pedophilia," which was then republished in 2018 in *The Palgrave Handbook of Philosophy and Public Policy*, a textbook widely available at Universities across the globe.

"In this paper it is argued that pedophilia is bad only because, and only to the extent that, it causes harm to children, and that pedophilia itself, as well as pedophilic expressions and practices that do not cause harm to children, are morally alright [sic]," reads the abstract.

Moen details arguments for and against "adult-child sex" before ultimately coming to the conclusion that "adult-child sex is not categorically very harmful" but may result in "risks" of children being harmed. He offers a quick disapproval of penetrative adult-child sexual relations, but goes on to make statements that defend pedophilia as an innate sexual orientation, comparing the desire to sexually abuse children to homosexuality.

"We must appreciate that sexual attraction towards children is often a deep and integral part of pedophiles' personalities," he writes, while suggesting that pedophiles should not be held responsible for their actions as "many pedophiles are ignorant of the truth that adult-child sex exposes children to [harm]."

Moen also argues that pedophiles who do not sexually abuse children should be "praised" for their "admirable willpower," and says that condemning pedophiles for their attraction should be considered "unjust."

The academic claims that "many of us have been pedophiles at one point," and presents a bizarre argument that most people experienced sexual attraction to children when they themselves were children.

"When you were 11, it is not unlikely that you were sexually attracted to prepubertal children… the mental state of finding children sexually attractive is very common," he says, continuing:

"Youngness, the property children have in excess, is a property that, when present to a lesser extent, is widely considered sexually attractive. As such, what makes pedophiles diverge from others is that they prefer more youngness than does the average person."

But perhaps most disturbingly, Moen has called for information on pedophilia to be taught in schools, suggesting "a certain percentage" of high school students have an innate pedophilic sexual identity.

"To prevent harm to future children, we would also be well-advised to start teaching high school students not just what to do in case they are victims of sexual abuse, but also what to do in case they themselves are pedophiles. A certain percentage of high school students either are or will become pedophiles, and currently they are not given any advice on how to handle their sexuality."

Moen has also stated that computer-generated child sexual exploitation material and other "fantasy

outlets" may be useful for those with pedophilic sexual attraction, insisting viewing such material would not result in an increased propensity for abusing a real child. But Moen's assertion flies in the face of evidence from child safeguarding experts who have been sounding the alarm on such lines of reasoning.

Line Hegna, the director of communications for the Norwegian branch of Save the Children, told the *Sunday Guardian Live* in 2018 that the possession of child sexual abuse materials "contributes to maintaining a market which presupposes abuse of children."

Hegna was responding to a national scandalthat saw a top child protection expert sentenced to prison for possession of an enormous quantity of content depicting the rape of children.

"Possession of abusive material can work to normalize abuse of children," Hegna said.

From 2017 to 2021, Moen was the Principal Investigator for the project "What should not be bought and sold?", funded by the SAMKUL scheme of the Research Council of Norway with a government grant of NOK 8.9 million, or approximately $1 million. A description of the project indicates it was designed to explore the philosophical questions surrounding "the buying and selling of friendships, babies, [and] human organs."

Moen's defense of pedophilia as a sexual orientation is the latest in what appears to be a marked increase in openly sympathetic views towards pedophiles at the academic level, with multiple incidents being reported over the past year alone.

On February 5, State University of New York Professor Stephen Kershnar was placed on off-campus duties after clips from a podcast he'd done resurfaced showing him actively defending adult sexual contact with children, including those as young as 12 months old.

Even more recently, an academic critical of pro-pedophilia sympathies within Universities had his research scrubbed from The British Journal of Sociology and History just 24 hours after it was first published due to a complaint from a "pro-pedophile" activist group.

In an interview with *Reduxx*, Dr. Alaric Naudé of Suwon University in South Korea noted that pushes for "destigmatization" with the alleged intention of "preventing offending" were dangerous to children and unsupported by research.

He also noted that claims about "minor attraction" being an innate sexuality, like those advanced by Moen, "actually [make] it more difficult for pedophiles to direct their desires away from children."

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Pedophilia Now Classified As A Sexual Orientation

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People can classify themselves as heterosexual, homosexual, asexual, metrosexual. There are endless sexual orientations under the sun, and now, pedophilia can be added to the list.

In the fifth edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM V), the American Psychiatric Association (APA) drew a very distinct line between pedophilia and pedophilic disorder. Pedophilia refers to a sexual orientation or profession of sexual preference devoid of consummation, whereas pedophilic disorder is defined as a compulsion and is used in reference to individuals who act on their sexuality.

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APA's decision has given rise to numerous pedophilia-advocacy groups, the chief of them being B4U-ACT, a non-profit grassroots organization based in Maryland. Created in 2003 primarily as a means for "minor-attracted persons" to be open about their sexual preferences in a supportive atmosphere, B4U-ACT is now widening the scope of their organization.

According to spokesperson and registered sex offender Paul Christiano, the pedophilia-advocacy group is "working towards de-stigmatizing the mental health community." Christiano explained that negative societal attitudes towards minor-attracted persons "trickle down to policy-making and the mental health community."

"Policy-making" is used chiefly in reference to the sex-offender registry. Christiano is not alone in advocating change within the system. Caitlin Myers, a doctorate student in Sociology here at the University of Southern California, says the registry needs to be "more senstitive to the nature of crime." Myers explained that the chief problem within the sex-offender registry itself is the "one size fits all" viewpoint it bears towards sexual offenses. "There could be a man who committed 20 consecutive rapes and a 19-year-old boy who had sex with his 17-year-old girlfriend and they would be punished in the same manner."

Change to the system is understandable, yet B4U-ACT's grounds for such change remains murky. When questioned about the most responsible way in which a pedophile could manage his sexual preferences, Christiano answered that while B4U-ACT encouraged minor-attracted persons within the organization to openly acknowledge their feelings and desires, such sexual preferences must remain purely a mental exercise and therefore entirely unconsummated. In other words, pedophiles must be allowed to fantasize about minors, as long as such acts are never consummated.

"B4U-ACT does not condone illegal activity," Christiano insisted.

Yet how can we be assured that such behavior remains entirely in the mind and not carried out in the bedroom? Answer: we can't. Myers confirmed that it is "scientifically impossible to settle the question of whether or not a minor-attracted person will act on their compulsion."

In an essay written for his senior thesis as a graduate student, Christiano argued for the "sexual autonomy" of children, citing that children "should not be left in the dark about their own sexuality."

With more education about their sexuality, reasoned Christiano, comes more knowledge of boundaries and what they do or don't want.
However, there is an underlying suggestion that with sexual knowledge comes sexual consent. If children were permitted to be more sexually autonomous, would they then be able to fully consent to a sexual relationship or more importantly, a sexual relationship with an adult?
While Myers agrees that open discussion and acknowledgement of sexuality is something our current society is lacking, she emphasizes that children cannot give consent. "In theory," Myers says, "pedophilia as a practiced sexual orientation walks a thin line. There is no possibility of pedophilia becoming an accepted sexual orientation in current culture."
According to Christiano, people must be allowed to celebrate sex and sexuality, "one of the few freely-given pleasures in life." The community of minor-attracted persons is, as a whole, "denied their complexities."

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THIS 👇 IS NOT ENTIRELY TRUE!
No, homosexuality is not a risk factor for the sexual abuse of children

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A rainbow appears in the distance near an angel grave marker following a July 4 thunderstorm at St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery in Neenah, Wis. (CNS photo/Brad Birkholz, for The Compass)
Many people believe that homosexuality is the root cause of sexual abuse by clergy in the Catholic Church since about 80 percent of the known victims have been male. This has led some church leaders to suggest that banning homosexual men from the priesthood could prevent future victimization of children in the church. While it may be understandable that some believe this, it is simply not true. You really have to know something about the psychopathology of sex offenders and pedophiles to understand this issue more clearly.
No one would suggest banning heterosexual men from the priesthood if the majority of clergy abuse victims were young girls. That would seem absurd. This is because many see heterosexuality as normal and controllable while believing that homosexuality is abnormal, dysfunctional and a psychiatric illness. As such, it is often falsely believed that men with homosexual orientations cannot be trusted around male children and that their sexual impulse control is poor. But the research data on this topic makes clear that sexual orientation alone is not a risk factor for

pedophilia or for committing sexual crimes against children or teens or anyone. Sexual orientation by itself is irrelevant to child sexual abuse behavior or risks.
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So why are so many of the clergy sexual abuse victims male? A study from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in 2011 informs us that most of the clergy sexual offenders were “situational generalists” or men who simply abused victims to whom they had access and with whom they had the opportunity to develop trust. In the Catholic Church, these individuals tended to be boys. If Father wanted to have private time with an altar boy or perhaps take a boy off on a camping trip or to a baseball game back in the 20th century, no one would have thought much of it. Boys were trusted with priests. But most of the clergy sex offenders during the last half of the 20th century, according to the John Jay Report, viewed themselves as more likely to be heterosexual than as homosexual.
The psychopathology of pedophiles suggests that the risk factors for this psychiatric illness include impulse control problems, brain injury, poor peer relationships, antisocial personality, a lack of nonsexual intimate connections with others, alcohol and substance abuse, and a history of sexual victimization. Sexual orientation is not a risk factor at all. Furthermore, there are many different kinds of sex offenders who often have multiple pathways to victimization and different targets of their predatory desires. For example, some prefer to target young children while others target teens. Some ideally prefer to have adult peer sexual partners, but due to their inability to negotiate mature adult intimate relationships, select minors as a substitute, especially when under significant stress. And some, like most clerical sex offenders in the church, select those with whom they have access and trust.

The psychopathology of pedophiles suggests that risk factors for this psychiatric illness include impulse control problems and a history of sexual victimization.

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The behavior and psychopathology of sex offenders is complex, but there is a large amount of quality research to help us better understand their behavior, with established best practices for evaluating and treating them for their dysfunction. Best practices are also available for child protection by better managing the environment where children are involved with adults—within church activities as well as in schools, youth sports, music and theater programs, and other extracurricular youth activities. Being aware and thoughtful about this well-established research and these recommended best practices in child protection will help keep children safe.
Inappropriately blaming or victimizing homosexual men, within or outside of the church, does not keep children safe or solve clergy sexual abuse problems. Regardless of sexual orientation or the vows of priestly celibacy or even marital vows, only a small percentage of people seek sexual

activity with children and teens, and the vast majority of them are heterosexual, married and noncelibate laypersons who tend to exploit members of their own family. The false and distracting focus on homosexuality is not relevant to keeping children safe within the Catholic Church.

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TRADITIONAL ROMAN CATHOLIC THOUGHTS

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PEDOPHILIA AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION

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Two and a half weeks ago, it was brought to my attention that out in California they are trying to define pedophilia or those that would prefer child sex, as an option of the individual, declaring that pedophilia is a sexual orientation, that its a choice or a sexual preference.

Be prepared because now that it is becoming considered a sexual orientation (or at least that is what they are trying to do) we will have to prepare ourselves as Catholics, Christians and really anybody that doesn't want some pervert having sex with children, to fight this. We will need to be aware of what's going on because now that this is considered a sex orientation in California, eventually legislation will progress in the country that will pave the way for the legalization of sexual encounters with anybody of any sex and any age. They're going to use examples of 17 and 19 year olds who are having sex to tug at the heart strings, you know because 17 is so close to 18 as a perfect example why we need to lower the age of consent.

Now some people would say that I'm being extremely pessimistic in thinking that we're going to start legalizing sex with young children but this is what happened with homosexuality. Way back when, probably in the 50's or so, it was considered insanity if someone said they were a homosexual. If you were openly homosexual you were considered mentally unstable.

Eventually, they made it a "hey man, its okay if you are a man and want to have sex with a man, or if you have sex with a woman if you are a woman" and then we saw on television over the years that gay men and women were considered better than there straight counter part. They were smarter, funnier, better looking and overall just a better person. Then, many in this country began to support gay "marriage", as gay "marriage" is now legal in 15 states. It is considered a "hate crime" to dislike homosexual behavior.

I want to make it very clear that this attitude is wrong. We are called to love the sinner and hate the sin. We are not identified based on what our sexuality is, and this is part of the problem. I am not defined for my heterosexuality. I am defined for the person I am. Everybody has struggles and temptations, even heterosexuals. There are many types of evil out there that are attacking them, such as pornography, masturbation, contraception, adultery and divorce to name a few. There are many other temptations, but these temptations and our sins DO NOT DEFINE US.

Unfortunately, we're going to lose the war with same sex "marriage". Within the next 5 years I predict that every single state in the country will have some form of legalized sodomy on the record. This is a great shame considering we were once a strong Christian country, but watch, when gay "marriage" is legalized, they will be shouting for the age of consent to be lowered to the point that even children of any age can be tricked into engaging in this act. They will be tricked because in our schools, they will be indoctrinated that "sex is normal, here's a condom". This is how the tricking will be done.

The proper role of sex is in a marriage, between a man and woman, husband and wife, to create a family. Yes, there is the enjoyment aspect, but it isn't purely for enjoyment. This secondary reason is to create unity between a husband and his wife. It creates love. It cements the commitment that they made on their wedding day. The purpose of sex, is to bond a husband and wife, to make children.

We can thank those who are in power and should know right from wrong. And I'm talking about the bishops and the cardinals who would rather be popular and hip and "with it" in regards to society, the secular media for not standing up to the truth. and now seeing the evils of homosexual behavior as a whole and how its seeped its way into the mainstream of this country for the last 30 or 40 years.

Before gay 'marriage' is finally legalized, we will see a call for legalizing pedophilia. It's only the logical next-step. Brace yourself, we're in for a bumpy ride.

Pedophilia takes a cautious step forward toward respectability

MICHAEL COOK

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I sometimes quietly thank my lucky stars that I am not growing up today. It all seems very complicated. The main thing is that boys are expected to be dexterous at video games and I am all thumbs. The last time I played “Resident Evil”, for instance, hardly had I entered the first portal before I was knocked off by squadrons of flesh-eating zombies. I certainly would have developed a devastating sense of inferiority.Another technological hazard is the morally devastating rubbish dished up to high school kids on mobile phones and the internet.Not that things were all that innocent in my day, mind you. The dirty book du jour was *Lolita*, a 1955 novel by Vladimir Nabokov. It is still kicking around. A memoir of Iranian repression called *Reading Lolita in Teheran* even spent 100 weeks on the *New York Times* best-seller list.Looking back, the popularity of *Lolita* was and is shocking. For it is a novel about paedophilia in which a middle-aged literature professor strikes up a relationship with a 12-year-old girl. Stanley Kubrick turned it into a prize-winning film. With all the

fully justifiable outrage over sex abuse by scout masters and priests and swimming coaches, how was it possible for *Time* magazine to praise it not long ago as a "tragic, twisted epic"? The subsequent success of *Reading Lolita in Teheran* suggests that *Lolita* has become a symbol of intellectual freedom in some quarters.There's a sick contradiction in attitudes to perverse sexuality in today's culture: the public believes that practice is repugnant, but academics are hard-pressed to explain why.Let me explain. The principle by which the *New York Times*, CNN and Twitter make decisions on sexual morality is autonomy – do whatever you like as long as you do no harm. The chattering classes agree that there is nothing wrong with sex between consenting adults. Marriage vows are no longer a boundary. But paedophilia (which, for the sake of argument, includes hebephilia or sex with young teens) is deemed wrong because children cannot give informed consent.However – depending on the jurisdiction – children *do* give their consent to contraception, abortion, transgender medication, double mastectomies, and so on. In Belgium and the Netherlands, they can even consent to euthanasia.So -- what if a 12-year-old clearly gives informed consent to have sex? Wouldn't that legitimate paedophilia? I won't press the argument any further, as it makes me nauseous, but there it is. Boundary-less autonomy has already normalised homosexuality, same-sex marriage, assisted suicide, and the ghastly therapies of transgender medicine.Rave reviews for *Lolita* show that this was the position of intellectuals during the heyday of the sexual revolution in the 60s and 70s. In 1977 some of France's leading intellectuals – including Michel Foucault, Gilles Deleuze, Jacques Derrida, Roland Barthes, Simone de Beauvoir, and Jean-Paul Sartre -- signed an open lettercalling for the decriminalization of sexual relations of adults and children. It doesn't seem to have hurt their reputation at all. And now paedophilia may be slowly climbing back to respectability.The University of California Press recently released a book titled, *A Long, Dark Shadow: Minor-Attracted People and Their Pursuit of Dignity*. The transgender author, Allyn Walker (they/them), is Assistant Professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice at Old Dominion University, in Virginia.Or rather, was, because "they" was stood down after a public outcry over the book.The term "minor-attracted people" is a rebadging of non-offending paedophiles – people who are deeply misunderstood and unjustly stigmatized, according to Walker.Because this is such an inflammatory topic, I mustn't add fuel to the fire by misrepresenting Walker's views. "They" insists time and again in *A Long, Dark Shadow* that "they" is not arguing in favour of paedophile relationships. "The idea that I'm somehow condoning child sexual abuse is absolutely outrageous," Walker told the Washington Post. "I really think it's a coordinated effort about attacking the LGBTQ community" and academic freedom.I think that Walker is being sincere. "They" is not condoning child abuse; as a queer academic, "they" is curious about the coping strategies of non-offending paedophiles. Like traditional Christian moralists, Walker tries to distinguish between the impulse and the action–an impulse is not a sin; only a willed action can be a sin.However, Walker is a queer moralist, not a Christian moralist, and "impulse" is where "their" moral analysis turns into an ethical time bomb.While a Christian moralist might observe that a non-offending paedophile is resisting a temptation to do something bad, Walker argues that he is repressing a sexual orientation. And this

is the real problem with “their” book. It describes paedophilia as an immutable sexual orientation. If it were an illness, perhaps it could be cured, but it is not – paedophiles are stuck with their stigmatized orientation.Walker writes that “they” has special insight into the anguish of paedophiles:*the fact that I am queer that gives me meaningful understanding of others who are treated with suspicion and stigma based upon a sexual orientation that cannot be changed.*Paedophilia is an embarrassment to the LGBTQI+ crowd, whose status is threated by association with potential child molesters. Walker writes:*The tendency of queer communities to distance themselves from MAPs indicates either agreement with that erroneous belief or a willingness to prioritize the wellbeing of some queer people at the expense of others.*However, the LGBTQI+ crowd will never, ever, suggest that paedophiles try conversion therapy. That would imply that their own sexual orientations could be changed – and that is heresy. Paedophiles currently occupy the only space in the LGBTQI+ community which is doomed to live in life-long frustration.But this is simply not a tenable position in an era of ever-expanding sexual rights. Another ethical principle of the chattering classes is William Blake’s shocking maxim: “Sooner murder an infant in its cradle than nurse unacted desires.” (Blake died nearly 200 years ago, in 1827, so sexual anarchy is hardly new.) My prediction is that it will be argued that paedophiles, at least the non-offending ones, have a “right” to act out their desires.How this will be achieved is anyone’s guess. Perhaps child pornography will be legalised. Perhaps the government will subsidize the production of sex robots. Perhaps the law will take a more “enlightened” view of the age of consent. But no doubt Allyn Walker and “their” colleagues will find a way forward.The publication of *A Long, Dark Shadow* is a sign that we are approaching the end game in the sexual revolution. As soon as our culture separated sex from procreation with widespread use of the Pill, sexuality lost its natural purpose. Everyone was free to follow their desires. The only remaining taboo is paedophilia. Can it possibly last?

Pedophilia: a Psychiatric Disorder or a Perverse Sexual Orientation? A Critical Study of Vladimir Nobokov's Lolita

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1. I. Introduction

This paper is divided into five major chapters with supporting discussions in each of the sections. The first section addresses the scenario, research problems and objectives of this paper. The second chapter discusses the research methodology. The third chapter employs the main discussions of the paper along with subsequent supposing details. The fourth chapter

demonstrates the research findings, and the final chapter makes recommendations and leaves scopes for further studies.

Author: Lecturer in English at United International University, Dhaka, Bangladesh. e-mail: sabuj.si@gmail.com a) Scenario the Abrahamic religions, the practice of sex dates back to the Garden of Eden before Adam and Eve's fall. But, there are no direct biblical references to pedophilia. However, since pedophilia, a perverse practice of sex, is persistent in different cultures across the world, the depiction of this abnormal sex practice, therefore, is found in literary texts as well. Although pedophilia is considered by many to be the most perverse form of sexual behavior, but some people argue that pedophilia is a very common sexual orientation like homosexuality and bisexuality. It is even argued by some scholars that it needs a cultural standpoint to call pedophilia 'a perverse practice' or 'a crime'. However, Vladimir Nobokov's Lolita, set in the 1950s America, deals with two pedophiles -Humbert and Quilty. Though it apparently seems that they have different sexual orientations unlike the rest of the characters in the novel, but Nobokov does not verify the acclamation.

On the other hand, the practice of pedophilic sex is still very common in different parts of the globe. Different groups advocate against terming consensual sex with prepubescent boys/girls and teenagers as 'pedophilia' because they believe "eighteen is just a number". (Breure, Are All Men Pedophiles?) But, there are others who hold strong positions against this notion. They argue that if someone engages in sex with a prepubescent boy or girl, s/he should be called a 'perverse' regardless of the consent of the minor. This paper therefore intends to explore whether pedophilia Pedophilia: Psychiatric Disorder or a Perverse Sexual Orientation? Critical Study of Vladimir Nobokov's Lolita

Sex is a normative human behavior that has as ancient a past as the human being. From point of view can be termed as a sexual orientation or if it is just an extreme form of perversity.

While conducting the research, a number of behind-the-closet striking questions came forth. As the research title suggests, this study involves two different intense normative human behavioral acts -'psychiatric disorder' and 'sexual orientation'. The first one apparently seems strictly a medical term whereas the second one involves concepts surrounding gender studies. Though this research is based primarily on Vladimir Nobokov's novel of 1955, but it also further explores the recent phenomenon of pedophilia. edophilia simply refers to the sexual interest of adults towards prepuberscent children. This paper provides an insightful and analytical view of the practice of pedophilia based on Vladimir Nobokov's novel Lolita (1955). This library-based research opens an argument on whether pedophilia should be seen as a perverse psychiatric disorder, or it is just the sexual orientation of a person. Nobokov's introduction of two binary opposite characters of Humbert and Quilty demonstrates the utmost level of intensity regarding the issue of pedophilia in the novel. Chapter Three

2. III. Discussion

In the context of the novel of Lolita, Humbert the protagonist apparently has a psychiatric disorder,

and he had been admitted to mental hospitals twice. The novel, narrated from Humbert's point of view, never includes any hints of any wrong doings of the protagonist. The narrator rather defends himself by using Lolita as a shield. But, a critical view of the character gives a detailed understanding of his pedophilic origin. It is notable that his mother had died when he was only five years old. Being a member of a well-to-do lone family in a suburban area, Humbert developed an 'everlasting feeling of loneliness', which might have made him psychologically imbalanced. Sigmund Freud, in his popular essay "Mourning and Melancholia", terms this everlasting pain as 'melancholia'. His mother's death, which is logically supposed to make him sad, turns out to be an ongoing pain in him that traumatizes him and leaves him emotionally vacant throughout his childhood. A psychoanalytic study of this incident would end up with the Freudian concept of 'Oedipal Complex'. At the age of 5, Humbert fails to bear the pain of his mother's death, and it leaves him traumatized. This trauma is seen further tormenting him when he fails to consummate his love affair with Annabel Leigh, his teenage love interest.

Annabel and Humbert fall in love in their teenage years. This affair works as a turn on in Humbert's life. But, things get disastrous when Humbert finds that he cannot make love with Annabel Leigh. If analyzed from Freudian point of view, it becomes apparent that Humbert's failure roots back to his mother's demise and the Oedipal Complex follows. It is quite ambiguous if Humbert finds any similarity between Annabel Leigh and his mother, but there are hints that he thinks likewise. However, the second most vulnerability in his life comes following the death of Therefore, the problem that comes into focus is the integration of this medical term and analyzing it in the perspective of gender studied. attraction towards children as perversion or to give it the recognition, which is campaigned by many groups.

International Classification of Diseases (ICD) defines pedophilia as a psychological disorder of adult men or women who feel sexual attraction particularly towards children of pre-pubertal or early-pubertal age. A similar definition has been given by American Heritage Stedman's Medical Dictionary. According to them, "Pedophilia is the act or fantasy on the part of an adult of engaging in sexual activity with a child or children." (Stedman's Medical Dictionary) But, there are rather dissimilar thoughts on it as well. Dr. James Cantor of Center for Addiction and Mental health has found that pedophilia is a "biologically rooted condition that does not change -like a sexual orientation." (The Star) A similar talk is found in Krafft-Ebing's book named Psychopathia Sexualis. The author argues that pedophilia is nothing but a sexual practice, such as homosexuality and bisexuality.

i. Finding out the medical and cultural meanings of the term 'pedophilia' by examining the clinical definitions and meanings; and whether it is seen as a disease or not

ii. Finding out the etymological meaning of 'pedophilia' by incorporating the preexisting meanings and external references of the term. iii. Analyzing whether to term 'pedophilia' as a curable sickness or just a category of unrecognized sexual orientation.

This study, aimed at analyzing Nobokov's Lolita from the point of view of the act of pedophilia,

draws the contemporary critical, cultural and gender theories. Pedophilia, a broader term that covers up different aspects and perspectives, has been elaborated from the points of views victims of both the victim and the pedophiles.

Annabel Leigh. Firstly, he is traumatized by his mother's death; and then Leigh's death doubles the trauma. If the pain, which he gets after his mother's death, is the beginning of his 'melancholia' then that multiplies the pain following Annabel's death.

Popular Japanese novelist Haruki Murakami's novel Norwegian Wood (1987) deals with a similar female character named Naoko. She gets traumatized following her elder sister's death, becomes even more traumatized after the death of her love interest. As an effect of melancholia, she fails to consummate her love with Kizuki. Her inertia causes her melancholia that later persuades her to ultimately commit suicide. Like Humbert, Naoko has to consult with psychiatrists. But, the major difference between these two characters is that Naoko never appears to be attracted to any prepubescent boys or girls, whereas Humbert does.

However, Humbert's feelings seem to retrieve when he meets Lolita years later. For him, Lolita and Annabel resemble with each other. As the narrative suggests, the narrator is unwilling to call Lolita 'beautiful'; rather, Humbert thinks she is more like an 'average nymphet'. Humbert's attraction does not simply vanish after he finds Lolita; he rather seeks for scopophilic pleasure of seeing other girls at school. He terms the young school girls 'nymphets'. (Nobokov, 127) Laura Mulvey's concepts of 'scopophilia' and 'voyeuristic pleasure' can be incorporated here. As the objects (the nymphets at school) are unreachable for him, he seeks pleasure only by seeing them. Stanley Kubrik, when adapting this novel into a film, uses interesting camera angles to give the viewers the same kind of scopophilic pleasure as Hembert has got as in the novel. Stanley's works with Humbert's 'gaze mechanism' takes Lolita (1962) to a new height.

Humbert's perverse psyche is revealed when he decides to marry Charlotte Haze, Lolita's biological mother, so that he can stay around Lolita. This action is surely a perverse practice because it involves both pedophilia and incest to the first degree. As he later engages in sexual acts with his step-daughter and twelve-years-old Lolita, he proves himself nothing but a 'pervert'. Humbert's desperation in finding Lolita, when she is lost, further attributes him of his pervert psychiatric disorder. And finally when he kills Quilty over forcing Lolita to join an even perverse act of pedophilic orgy, he seems not feeling guilty of either for i) making love with Lolita or ii) killing Quilty.

Lolita, the most ambiguous character of the novel, is the object of pedophilia in the novel. If the narrative style of the novel is taken into consideration, it is found that the narrator uses interesting phrases to hide any of his own guilt. He rather blames Lolita for persuading him to feel attracted towards her. As the novel is a meta-narrative narrated from the point of view of Humbert, it seems natural that he would not confess of his guilt.

A study, conducted by Dr. James Cantor, has found that only 1-5% of males find it intriguing to make love with children. If the statistical flaw is taken into consideration, it becomes evident that this ratio would further decrease. It is reasonable to think that many a number of the survey

participants would hide their fantasies of engaging in sex with minors in fear of getting revealed. Anyway, in that case, it is quite difficult to term this psychological condition a 'sexual orientation'; rather, it sounds more appropriate if it is seen as 'perversion'. The twelve-years-old Dolores Haze aka Lolita has been overtly presented as a sexual object rather than simply as a teenage girl. A girl of her age would find sex interesting by nature. But, her lack of knowledge of sex triggers interesting questions. For her, sex is more of a 'game' than a medium of 'generating pleasure'. She admits of having carnal love with one of her scout-mates named Charlie. He tells this exactly after she has sex with Humbert for the first time. Her mental immaturity definitely is a contributing factor, but that is nothing exceptional because girls of her age might naturally feel interested towards exploring the taboo world of sexuality. In addition, Lolita's close female friends also appear to be attracted towards Humbert, or vice versa that also supports this argument. Additionally, it is not quite clear up to the end of the novel who Lolita's biological father is. As she is devoid of a father during her childhood years, it seems natural that her mother's affair with a man of her father's age would trigger jealousy in her. This 'Electra Complex' seems interesting when she finds her mother attracted towards Humbert. This jealousy or 'Electra Complex' guides her towards acting stubborn. Another interesting yet important character of the novel is Clare Quilty. Quilty, who is the alter ego of Humbert is too a pedophile. Quilty, a prominent writer in disguise, follows Lolita and Humbert throughout the novel, and ends up 'stealing' her from the hospital. His immoral perversion comes under the limelight at the end of the novel when it is found that Lolita had left Quilty on the grounds of her hatred for him as he forced her to engage in perverse sexual acts. This perversion is expressive even in Humbert.

The term 'nymphet' is believed to have been coined by Vladimir Nobokov. Hembert, the narrator, describes prepubescent girls as nymphets. As for him, "Between the age limits of nine and fourteen there occur maidens?. I propose to designate as 'nymphets." (Nobokov,9) In a following chapter, the narrator states that he fantasizes of living in "the mirrory beaches and rosy rocks-of an enchanted island haunted by those nymphets of mine and surrounded by a vast, misty sea."(Nobokov, 9) This sexual fantasy is the result of his obsession with the image of Annabel. But, that is not the case in all the pedophiles of the world. The idea of 'compulsory heterosexuality' is quite absent here because even if pedophilia is consensual, the question remains on whether anyone at the age of twelve can give consent or not. Though there are groups who call for the reformation of the 'age of consent' stating that 'eighteen is just a number', but debates remain on whether to follow this notion as for granted or not. On the contrary to the stance of these groups, there are other activists who think that children should be given mandatory sex education to prevent pedophilia and other child molestation incidents.

Child pornography, which is the bi-product of pedophilia, is another discernible example of sexual perversion. As Humbert did, pedophiles want to remain anonymous, yet they want to speak up for their sexual preferences. This proves that pedophilia is an example of perversion that needs psychiatric treatments to get the pedophiles cured. A recent example of pedophilia is the cyber girl

named Sweety. This 10-years-old-looking computer-generated-image (CGI) of a Pilipino girl was created by a group of Swedish computer experts using 3D computer graphics imagery. She was used for catching 1000 pedophiles from across the world. Initiatives like this can be taken more frequently to minimize the incidents of child molestation and pedophilia.

Sigmund Freud talks about the sexuality of children in his book titled Three Essays on the Theory of Sexuality. Their sex formation is quite natural which is also present in the character of Lolita. In Michel Foucault's History of Sexuality, the development of sexuality in children has been further discussed. It describes that since the notion of sex is kept hidden from children, it is inevitable that teens would feel especially interested in sex if they are given the space. The same thing happens when Lolita's sexual drives are controlled and influenced by Humbert. She rejects any further manipulation of Quilty when she starts realizing that the reality is quite the opposite.

3. Chapter Four

4. IV. Major Findings

Based on the discussion stated above, this research comes up with the following major findings: i Dissimilar to non-straight sexual acts like homosexuality and bi-sexuality, pedophilia is not a sexual orientation; rather it is a psychological disorder that is curable by treatment. A number of factors can play roles in making someone a pedophile; but working on those factors can ease things up. ii People with 'Lolita Complex' can be cured with Cognitive Therapy. As it has a clinical solution, this perverse sickness can be cured.

iii Pedophilia is a universal phenomenon persisting worldwide. Though the definition and acceptability of pedophilia varies depending on cultural differences across nations, but it is a crime against humanity. Examples of child sex tourism in countries like Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico etc can be cited. Chapter Five

5. V. Recommendations and Conclusion

This research has identified the psychological stances of Humbert, Quilty and Lolita, and related it to the statistical findings of the recent past. It also has also given a theoretical reading of how pedophilia is related to sexuality but yet it is unacceptable. The study therefore comes with the following recommendations and conclusions. a) Recommendation i) Childhood sex education is important to avoid children from being victims of pedophilia. The same goes for the pedophiles. If proper and timed education can be ensured, any psychological disorder can be prevented. ii) Openness towards sex can be a vital factor in tackling pedophilia. Other than presenting sex as a taboo topic, parents as well as adults, should be educative towards children when it comes to sex education.

6. b) Conclusion and Scope for Further Study

In concluding this paper, a number of possible areas can be talked about where further study is possible. As the researcher is a Bangladeshi national, he recommends that a further study can be carried out on the practices of pedophilia in different Bangladeshi cultural contexts. Another interesting area to browse is child marriage in Bangladesh. As the pedophiles are fetishistic, studies

can be carried out on the visual discourses where children are used as sex objects. Interested parties might also carry out research works on child pornography, its sub-genres of lolicon manga or lolicon anime, child sexual abuse and related subject areas.

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Appendix A

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AFA Reports Pedophilia Officially Classified as Sexual Orientation

Gina Meeks *8:30PM October 30, 2013*

UPDATE: The APA has clarified its text mistake. Pedophilia has not been classified as a sexual orientation, but the AFA report was not fabricated or fear-mongering. Click here for the resolution to this issue.

According to the American Family Association, a shocking announcement made by the American Psychological Association (APA) in its latest edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* caused an uproar among pro-family organizations and many others, as the APA states it now classifies pedophilia as a sexual orientation or preference instead of a disorder.

Sandy Rios, cultural expert and talk show host on the American Family Radio network, has issued a statement on behalf of the American Family Association in response to the APA's position on pedophilia:

"Just as the APA declared homosexuality an 'orientation' under tremendous pressure from homosexual activists in the mid-'70s, now, under pressure from pedophile activists, they have declared the desire for sex with children an 'orientation,' too. It's not hard to see where this will lead. More children will become sexual prey.

"Sanity will never return to this culture until truth is reclaimed. It is not now, nor has it ever been acceptable for men or women to desire sex with children. Any who struggle with this must at least know that it is wrong before they can combat it and seek change."

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Abstract

Objective: According to research participants, those who come out with their pedophilia are less likely to abuse children. *Method:* This study builds on qualitative research with 16 participants/members of a self-help group for people with pedophilic orientation. *Results:* Individuals who come out are better equipped mentally to cope with their pedophilia and coming out makes possible support from their social environment. Coming out is, however, extremely difficult, since it is associated with the label 'child abuser'. *Conclusion:* An understanding approach to people with pedophilia who do not want to abuse children may help prevent child sexual abuse by allowing for more access to resources, treatment, and education.

- **Keywords:** Pedophilic orientationchild sexual abusecoming outtherapyprevention

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1 The names of participants in this study have been altered to preserve anonymity. The following names were used: Blake, Bob, Boris, Claude, Dominik, Felix, Marshall, Milton, Parker, Pedro, Porter, Rolf, Stuart, and Trevor.

The Pedophile's Orientation

What do we do with a man like Todd Nickerson?

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Todd Nickerson is a self-confessed pedophile. He says he does not act on his desires, but he wants you to understand that he's a human being. Excerpts from his essay in, where else, Salon.com:

I've been stuck with the most unfortunate of sexual orientations, a preference for a group of people who are legally, morally and psychologically unable to reciprocate my feelings and desires. It's a curse of the first order, a completely unworkable sexuality, and it's mine. Who am I? Nice to meet you. My name is Todd Nickerson, and I'm a pedophile. Does that surprise you? Yeah, not many of us are willing to share our story, for good reason. To confess a sexual attraction to children is to lay claim to the most reviled status on the planet, one that effectively ends any chance you have of living a normal life. Yet, I'm not the monster you think me to be. I've never touched a child sexually

in my life and never will, nor do I use child pornography.

But isn't that the definition of a pedophile, you may ask, someone who molests kids? Not really. Although "pedophile" and "child molester" have often been used interchangeably in the media, and there is some overlap, at base, a pedophile is someone who's sexually attracted to children. That's it. There's no inherent reason he must act on those desires with real children. Some pedophiles certainly do, but many of us don't. Because the powerful taboo keeps us in hiding, it's impossible to know how many non-offending pedophiles are out there, but signs indicate there are a lot of us, and too often we suffer in silence. That's why I decided to speak up.

It turns out he was born with a deformity, which made him feel inadequate and set apart, and he was also molested as a small child by a visitor to his grandmother's house.

He says he found hope in a group called Virtuous Pedophiles, who support each other and encourage each other not to act on their desires. More:

For better or worse—mostly worse—we have this sexuality, and unlike with most sexualities, there is no ethical way we can fully actualize our sexual longings. Our desires and feelings, if we are to remain upright, are doomed from the outset. Indeed, whereas the majority of crimes can be bounced back from, society doesn't extend a mulligan to molesters. I understand why, but that doesn't make the burden any lighter to bear, particularly for those of us who have minimal or no attraction to adults. And for the pedos who are lucky enough to be able to form working relationships with adults, there are a new set of concerns: What if we have children? Will I be a threat to them? Can I ever share this fact with my spouse? Can I ever love and want her as much as I do a child?

So, please, be understanding and supportive. It's really all we ask of you. Treat us like people with a massive handicap we must overcome, not as a monster. If we are going to make it in the world without offending, we need your help. Listening to me was a start.

Read the whole thing.

This is fascinating stuff. Repulsive, at first, but I think about what it must be like to live with this tormenting desire, but not be able to act on it, and I pity the man. We are more than our desires. This man needs people to help him bear his cross.

That said, it is worth considering how the way we think and talk about sexuality, desire, and identity in our culture blurs the lines for this man. He says he cannot help desiring who he does, and I believe him. He recognizes that his desire is disordered, and he needs help refraining from indulging it. This VirPed (his word) group is all about helping him live a moral life despite this hated disorder.

If Todd Nickerson's desire was for people of the same sex, this piece would never have been published, obviously. There is a Catholic group called Courage, for gay men and women who want to live celibately, in obedience to Catholic teaching — and they are often criticized, even within the Church. In our contemporary culture, most people do not believe sexual desire towards someone of one's own sex is disordered. Almost everybody believes sexual desire towards a child is disordered. Similarly, almost everyone believes sexual desire towards an animal is disordered.

How do we determine which sexual desires are disordered, and which aren't? Consent? Isn't that a very thin line? Todd Nickerson describes being fondled by the older man when he was seven, and it was not traumatic for him, in his memory.

Nickerson describes pedophilia as an "orientation." No, I'm not saying that homosexuality is the same thing as pedophilia. It is not. What concerns me, though, is that the language and concepts we have accepted to sweep away the old Christian objections to homosexuality — in particular, the sacrosanct way we see sexual desire as at the core of identity and personhood — can easily be manipulated to legitimize pedophiles. The only reason Nickerson sees his sexual desire for children as illegitimate is because society tells him he cannot act ethically on it. Nickerson writes:

With sexuality … there's a physiological component, a drive every bit as powerful as belief. In essence, your brain knows what it likes and isn't going to take no for an answer. For that reason, the nature or nurture question with respect to sexual preference is ultimately irrelevant—it becomes all but hardwired soon enough, until it's all you know. And it's self-reinforcing, no matter how much you wish to dig it out. Eventually it all tangles together with the rest of who you are.

… *with the rest of who you are*.

Are there any grounds — other than consent — on which we can take a firm stand against Todd Nickerson's sexual desires, and tell him to deny what he desires in the deepest recesses of his brain, and that he considers to be an inextricable part of himself? We have made liberating the sexual self a virtue in the LGBT movement, and before that, in the Sexual Revolution. So where does that leave Todd Nickerson in terms of finding resources with which to deny his sexual desire? If we simply say by fiat "children cannot consent to sex, therefore pedophilia is wrong, does that really take care of the problem?

UPDATE: Great comment by reader REB, who understands what I am getting at here:

I think Rod asks a good question: is consent enough to prohibit sex between children and adults? I think the answer is yes, it is enough, and I think most people get that. But Rod raises two secondary questions here. First, isn't consent a moving target? Who gets to define the terms of "consent?" This is at the heart of the arguments about sexual assault on college campuses right now. How does one determine whether sexual contact is consensual? That is an answer that can change.

The second question that could arise here (and for the record, I know that Nickerson does not make this argument, but using his line of reasoning it is doesn't take too much imagination to envision someone doing so), is based on Todd Nickerson's approach to the issue. This question is "Whose rights take precedence?" This question arises from the way that he talks about being a pedophile: that it is an orientation, a desire that can't be changed. Rod is right, it is the same language that has been used to promote the rights of sexual minorities.

Whenever there is a competition of rights in this country we typically side with adults over children. Is it really so far-fetched to think that if Nickerson were not an "ethical pedophile" that he could make the exact same arguments about his orientation and assert that it is his right to live into his full humanity and be sexually actualized? It is impossible for us to believe that attitudes could

change over time to redefine consent leaving the burden of proof on the child to prove lack of consent rather than the adult to prove consent?

The disconcerting thing about Nickerson's article is the way that he makes his argument which is the same argument that was made to gain wide-ranging acceptance for other sexual minorities. It's not a big step for some to argue that it's not right or wrong, only different.

UPDATE.2: From William Dalton:

The case of Todd, and my introduction to repentant pederasts through my law practice decades ago, led me to reject the arguments of the gay lobby for acceptance of their behaviors when they first entered our church debates thirty years ago. It is not persuasive to say, "You must accept me as homosexual because God made me this way!", when the same argument, on the basis of the known science, can be made by Todd. The answer of the Church to congenital misbehavior has always been, "No, God did not make you this way, even if you have been this way from birth. We live in a broken, sinful world, and each of us are born into the world with the marks of brokenness and sinfulness impressed upon us." The failure of the Church to teach and emphasize the Doctrine of Original Sin is, in my estimation, the greatest stumbling block to the cultivation of ethical thinking in the Church today. Instead, we are inundated with "thinking" that amounts to nothing more than emotive feeling, and results in what you Moral Therapeutic Deism".

Neither does it answer the Christian's argument that homosexuality, like pederasty, is a sin, to interpose the defense of "consent". Many who are arrested and prosecuted as pederasts are done so for having sexual relations with underage teenagers, post-pubescent youths who are dealing with their own sexual feelings and frequently are not unwilling accomplices in another's sexual activities. The reason "statutory rape" is prosecuted as a criminal offense is not that the minor has not given consent. The fact of actual consent is deemed irrelevant. Sexual conduct with minors is made a crime because society has made a judgment value that sex, like smoking and drinking, is something too dangerous for minors to indulge in, even when they are willing to do so and have a good understanding of what they are doing.

Furthermore, if making a child do something he hasn't consented to do were a crime, every responsible parent would be in prison. From eating their vegetables to doing their chores to finishing their school work, children are obliged by their mothers and fathers to do things against their will and without their consent. On the other hand, if a parent, who for other purposes holds the right to give consent for her child to engage in other activities (e.g., church field trips, participation in sports) consents to pimp that child out for sex acts, both the parent and the customer will be hauled off to jail.

We make criminal certain sexual activity, not due to a lack of consent by those involved, or a lack of the ability to give legal consent, but due to the nature of sexual activity itself. Sex is right in some contexts, and it is wrong in others. We as a society have simply lost the ability to form a consensus as to what are the right and what are the right contexts for sex.

We need to stop others from pushing the issue off by saying, "well, it's just a matter of consent", or

“You’re just trying to impose religion while we are enforcing democratic values”. Those arguments simply don’t wash.
From Lee Podles:
There are difficulties in using a child’s inability to consent to sex as the sole criterion, even if sex is potentially harmful for a child.
First of all, a parent can substitute his consent. The Dutch experimented with this: if parent accepted a child’s sexual activity with an adult, the police would not interfere. One might object that a parent cannot consent to harming a child. A Canadian Catholic theologian said the real problem was the tendency of parents to make fuss about adult-child sex. This attitude led to many decisions not to prosecute pedophiles, because the courtroom was thought to be far more traumatic than trivial sexual activity.
One would have to prove that adult-child sex is necessarily harmful. It may well endanger the child, but parents consent to many activities that endanger a child: sports, wilderness hikes, roller coasters.
Moreover, in some countries a child can consent to be euthanized. If a child can consent to being killed why is he incapable of consenting to sexual intercourse?
Is consent even a good criterion for adult activity, either legally or ethically? If an adult consents to an activity that harms him, should we raise no legal or moral objections to it? Sado-masochism leading to severe bodily harm is an extreme example, but if it is fully consensual, how does it differ from cage fighting? Can one raise no legal or moral objections to sports that may well harm the participants, if the participants are fully consenting, as with football players and concussions?
Liberationists do not think that fornication or homosexual activity is harmful, but a few philosophers, and the Judeo-Christian tradition, thinks such activities are in fact harmful. The Judeo-Christian tradition holds that God had forbidden certain sexual activities because they are harmful to human beings.
It is of course a difficult question as to how far the law should go in trying to prevent adults from engaging in activates that are harmful or at least potentially harmful, especially if the adults do not believe they are harmful. The police powers and the courts are blunt instruments in enforcing morality, but we frequently try to discourage people from harming themselves by smoking, overeating, or using drugs.

Should We Lift the Stigma on “Virtuous Pedophiles”?
12 JUL 2016 SHERRY F. COLB
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A few weeks ago, I listened to a podcast called the “Savage Lovecast,” with Dan Savage, and he received an interesting call for advice. The woman on the other end of the line reported that her boyfriend, among other things, appeared to have a stash of photographs of adolescents in his pornography folder on his computer. She reported, however, that the photos were not themselves

pornographic. She was nonetheless concerned about his apparent attraction to children.
To help offer the woman some advice, Dan and a guest expert on the subject considered the phenomenon of "virtuous pedophiles." The name "virtuous pedophiles" refers to a group of people who are attracted to children but who do not act on that desire and who, through an anonymous website, provide support to one another so that all members can continue to refrain from offending. The idea of the "virtuous pedophile" struck me as a fascinating one, and I will here explore the concept and some of its potential implications.

Status Versus Conduct

Ordinarily, when we speak of pedophiles, we tend to refer to those people who not only feel the desire to have sexual relations with minors but who act on that desire as well. The notion of "virtuous pedophiles" might therefore at first glance seem like an oxymoron—there is nothing "virtuous" about sexually preying on defenseless children, and the title might even appear to be trying to justify immoral and harmful conduct (as some pedophile-oriented web sites apparently do). But it is at least conceptually coherent to distinguish between the conduct of pedophilia—acting sexually upon children—and the mere status of pedophilia—experiencing a desire for such sexual activity. While the former can and should be subject to criminal penalties, the latter, if criminalized, would be a sort of "thought crime" that is and should be anathema to our system of justice. So the real question may be this: Do we trust that there truly are "virtuous pedophiles," this category of those whose conduct does not reflect their status? (And perhaps a close second question would be: Do we believe that all or most of the specific self-proclaimed "virtuous pedophiles" are in reality what they claim to be?).

Sexual Orientation

In the bad old days (not completely behind us), when our government (and private people) openly and proudly discriminated against gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgender individuals, people would sometimes make the argument that there is a difference between "practicing" homosexuals and "non-practicing" homosexuals. This idea arose in particular in the context of our military policy, which in the past excluded people with a same-sex orientation while potentially admitting self-identified straight people who happened to have occasionally engaged in same-sex sexual conduct. Critics of this policy noted that even if one assumed that service members should not be engaged in same-sex sexual activity, the "appropriate" ban would look to conduct rather than to status. Citing Robinson v. California, critics noted that it is unconstitutional to punish a person for the status of being addicted to drugs (even though it is permissible to punish the person for acting on that addiction). Shouldn't a prohibited sexual orientation similarly fail constitutional scrutiny?
A same-sex sexual orientation is obviously worlds away from a pedophilic sexual orientation. The former is part of the range of normal, healthy, adult, consensual sexual interactions, whereas the latter is pathological. Yet it may still be useful to think of people who are attracted to children as having a pedophilic sexual orientation, similar in some ways to straight or gay orientation. This allows us to understand both that pedophiles cannot help and do not "choose" how they feel, just as

people who are sexually attracted to people of the opposite sex or the same sex do not choose how they feel, but that—like people who are straight or gay—pedophiles can make a choice about whether or not to act on their sexual orientation. A person can, for example, choose to be celibate (as a Catholic nun might choose to do), despite the fact that they have a sexual orientation of one sort or another.

Thinking about pedophilia as a sexual orientation, however, may not necessarily prove entirely helpful to those people who refer to themselves as "virtuous pedophiles." When religions of various types encouraged people who had a same-sex sexual orientation to refrain from acting on that orientation, critics of these religions would object strenuously to this advice and regard it as abusive. One reason for the objection was that there is nothing wrong with acting on same-sex sexual attraction, but that was not the only reason for the objection. Another reason was that it is extremely difficult and, for many, perhaps impossible to have a sexual orientation that moves one toward a particular population of partners but nonetheless to refrain from acting on that orientation. In other words, critics of religions that told gay people to be "non-practicing" were critical not only of the objective of the project (to make gay people celibate or straight) but also of the process of trying to get people to stop themselves from doing what comes naturally to them.

When One's Orientation Is Toward Harm

In the context of pedophiles, virtually no one would criticize the efforts of the pedophiles themselves or others to prevent people from acting on their orientation toward children. Even if it is difficult or soul-crushing to refrain from preying on children, that is exactly what a pedophile must do if he or she is to be worthy of being part of society. When pedophilia is at issue, it would be truly virtuous to act in a way that would spare children the trauma of being sexually abused. But the question remains: is this possible?

The people on the Virtuous Pedophiles web site maintain that it is possible, and they argue—somewhat convincingly—that if a pedophile is alone and lacking any support by others with similar feelings, then he or she is far more likely to act on a pedophilic orientation and actually harm a child than if there is a community of fellow sufferers with the united aim of preventing one another from offending against children. One can think about Alcoholics Anonymous as a model for people who are drawn to or addicted to (or otherwise oriented toward) conduct that is destructive, to oneself and/or to others. Rather than being forced to sit around alone and try to avoid drinking by sheer force of willpower, the alcoholic stands a much better chance of successfully avoiding the bottle if she has a sponsor and a meeting to attend and a community of likeminded people who can help her through the rough patches. Why wouldn't the same be true of people oriented toward pedophilia? Being alone with one's secret shame seems like a recipe for failure of abstinence.

One sobering answer to this analogy, though, is that Alcoholics Anonymous ("AA") does not claim that it can successfully prevent all of its members from relapsing. Indeed, it is understood in the addiction community that relapse is a part of recovery for many people, and part of the acceptance that alcoholics find within AA is an acceptance of relapse and the possibility of starting over again

(and once again proudly counting the days of sobriety). A similar acknowledgment of relapse in behavior, however, would seem unacceptable and even grotesque in the pedophilia context. Consider a group of pedophiles coming together for meetings and supporting each other notwithstanding "relapse," which in this case would mean sexually molesting children. Imagine a member receiving a chip that says "10 days sober," with the meaning that it has been a full 10 days since this proud member raped a child.

Unlike the AA context, then, a truly virtuous pedophile community would have to demand perfection in terms of behavior, and if we believe such a demand to be unrealistic (as many experts on this paraphilia believe), then allowing the "virtuous pedophile" community to survive (without legal intervention and without attempting to identify members and take measures to bar them from positions of responsibility over children) might seem too risky a proposition. A belief that pedophiles have little control over their behavior, in fact, is what drives the desire to have offender registries and the ability of communities in which such individuals reside to know who the pedophiles are. This belief does not sit comfortably with the premises of the virtuous pedophile community.

Ambivalence

As with so many such issues, I find myself very ambivalent. I agree with the idea that we should have empathy for people who have a pedophilic orientation, because I accept that people cannot help which populations of people they find sexually attractive. I also find persuasive the notion that people with a pedophilic orientation are much more likely to remain law-abiding citizens if they are motivated to do so (and those who join "Virtuous Pedophiles" are likely motivated that way) and if they have a community of others like them on whom to lean for support when they feel weak and find it difficult to maintain their commitment to ethical behavior. I am, in short, glad on the whole that there is a website dedicated to supporting the efforts of people with a pedophilic sexual orientation to refrain from harming children, and I would not want to do anything to harm the people who use that website.

At the same time, though, I am not sure I would want the stigma on pedophilic orientation lifted sufficiently to allow for in-person meetings and sponsors of the sort that one finds in Alcoholics Anonymous. Realizing as I say this that *not* having such in-person communities may result in more harm to children, I am not sanguine about my conclusion. But I worry that destigmatizing the orientation of pedophilia could have the negative effect of simultaneously destigmatizing the conduct of pedophilia as well.

Unlike drinking, which is not generally stigmatized anyway, molesting children is very much stigmatized, and one hopes that the stigma operates at least to some extent to prevent people from acting on the desire. To state this differently, I do not know that it is possible to divide stigma sufficiently to allow for us to welcome and treat pedophiles well (when it is only an orientation) while simultaneously condemning in no uncertain terms any conduct and any "relapse" to the behavior itself. And I am also skeptical of "abstinence only" approaches in other zones of sexual instruction, so I wonder how much faith I can put in such an approach in the pedophilia context.

I know this is not a very satisfying answer to the question of virtuous pedophiles, but I find myself both admiring of such people and fearful of them at the same time. Perhaps the Internet is the best safe space that they can hope for, a space that reduces the odds of their offending, that supports them and acknowledges the challenges they face, but that leaves them truly anonymous so that none of us is in a position of having to decide whether to "out" them as pedophiles and take measures to protect potential victims from them. Knowing who they are, it would be difficult to remain silent.

As to Dan Savage's caller, I cannot help hoping that she remains with her boyfriend—despite and because of his pedophilic proclivities. Perhaps if he is with her and can express a side of his sexual orientation that is adult-oriented, he will be less likely to offend against a child. And perhaps too, she can keep an eye on him. That advice, of course, cannot pretend to be in her best interests but may be in those of the community of children that he stands to harm. And so I understand that I am not giving her advice so much as expressing a wish.

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Sherry F. Colb, a Justia columnist, was the C.S. Wong Professor of Law at Cornell Law School. Her most recent book, Beating Hearts: Abortion and Animal Rights (co-authored with Michael C. Dorf) addresses some of the common puzzles, themes, and challenges that animate and confront both the pro-life and animal rights movements.

Pedophiles Want Same Rights As Homosexuals

REDEFINING PEDOPHILIA
TIME TO CHANGE OUR VIEW?
"Stigmatizing and stereotyping minor-attracted people inflames the fears of minor-attracted people, mental health professionals...
B4UACT.ORG

by **Jack Minor**

Using the same tactics used by "gay" rights activists, pedophiles have begun to seek similar status arguing their desire for children is a sexual orientation no different than heterosexual or homosexuals.

Critics of the homosexual lifestyle have long claimed that once it became acceptable to identify homosexuality as simply an "*alternative lifestyle*" or sexual orientation, logically nothing would be

off limits. "***Gay***" advocates have taken offense at such a position insisting this would never happen. However, psychiatrists are now beginning to advocate redefining pedophilia in the same way homosexuality was redefined several years ago.

In 1973 the **American Psychiatric Association**declassified homosexuality from its list of mental disorders. A group of psychiatrists with ***B4U-Act***recently held a symposium proposing a new definition of pedophilia in the **Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Health Disorders of the APA.**

B4U-Act calls pedophiles "*minor-attracted people*." The organization's website states its purpose is to, "*help mental health professionals learn more about attraction to minors and to consider the effects of stereotyping, stigma and fear*."

In 1998 **The APA** issued a report claiming "*that the 'negative potential' of adult sex with children was 'overstated' and that 'the vast majority of both men and women reported no negative sexual effects from childhood sexual abuse experiences.*"

Pedophilia has already been granted protected status by the **Federal Government. The Matthew Shephard and James Byrd, Jr. *Hate Crimes Prevention Act*** lists "*sexual orientation*" as a protected class; however, it does not define the term.

Republicans attempted to add an amendment specifying that "*pedophilia is not covered as an orientation*;" however, the amendment was defeated by **Democrats. Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-Fl)** stated that all alternative sexual lifestyles should be protected under the law. "*This bill addresses our resolve to end violence based on prejudice and to guarantee that all Americans, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability or all of these 'philias' and fetishes and 'isms' that were put forward need not live in fear because of who they are. I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this rule*."

The White House praised the bill saying, "*At root, this isn't just about our laws; this is about who we are as a people. This is about whether we value one another – whether we embrace our differences rather than allowing them to become a source of animus.*"

Earlier this year two psychologists in Canada declared that pedophilia is a sexual orientation just like homosexuality or heterosexuality.

Van Gijseghem, psychologist and retired professor of the **University of Montreal**, told members of Parliament, „*Pedophiles are not simply people who commit a small offense from time to time but rather are grappling with what is equivalent to a sexual orientation just like another individual may be grappling with heterosexuality or even homosexuality.*"

He went on to say, „*True pedophiles have an exclusive preference for children, which is the same as having a sexual orientation. You cannot change this person's sexual orientation. He may, however, remain abstinent.*"

When asked if he should be comparing pedophiles to homosexuals, **Van Gijseghem**replied, „*If, for instance, you were living in a society where heterosexuality is proscribed or prohibited and you were told that you had to get therapy to change your sexual orientation, you would probably say*

that that is slightly crazy. In other words, you would not accept that at all. I use this analogy to say that, yes indeed, pedophiles do not change their sexual orientation."

Dr. Quinsey, professor emeritus of psychology at **Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario,**agreed with **Van Gijseghem**. **Quinsey** said pedophiles' sexual interests prefer children and, *„There is no evidence that this sort of preference can be changed through treatment or through anything else."*

In July, 2010 ***Harvard health Publications*** said, *"Pedophilia is a sexual orientation and unlikely to change. Treatment aims to enable someone to resist acting on his sexual urges."*

Linda Harvey, of ***Mission America***, said the push for pedophiles to have equal rights will become more and more common as **LGBT groups**continue to assert themselves. *"It's all part of a plan to introduce sex to children at younger and younger ages; to convince them that normal friendship is actually a sexual attraction."*

Milton Diamond, a **University of Hawaii**professor and director of the **Pacific Center for Sex and Society**, stated that child pornography could be beneficial to society because, *„Potential sex offenders use child pornography as a substitute for sex against children."*

Diamond is a distinguished lecturer for the **Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality in San Francisco. The IASHS** openly advocated for the repeal of the Revolutionary war ban on homosexuals serving in the military.

The IASHS lists, on its website, a list of *„basic sexual rights"* that includes *„the right to engage in sexual acts or activities of any kind whatsoever, providing they do not involve nonconsensual acts, violence, constraint, coercion or fraud."* Another right is to, *„be free of persecution, condemnation, discrimination, or societal intervention in private sexual behavior"* and *„the freedom of any sexual thought, fantasy or desire."* The organization also says that no one should be *„disadvantaged because of age."*

Sex offender laws protecting children have been challenged in several states including California, Georgia and Iowa.

Sex offenders claim the laws prohibiting them from living near schools or parks are unfair because it penalizes them for life.

Do gay men have more sexual interest in children than straight men do?

Alice Dreger, writing at the Psychology Today blog, has an important post addressing the title above. Presenting data from Ray Blanchard, she says that the answer to the question is: no, gay men don't have more sexual interest in children than straight men do. This is an important data set from Blanchard which I am sure will be good news to some and trouble those who want to stigmatize gays.

First a summary from Dr. Dreger:

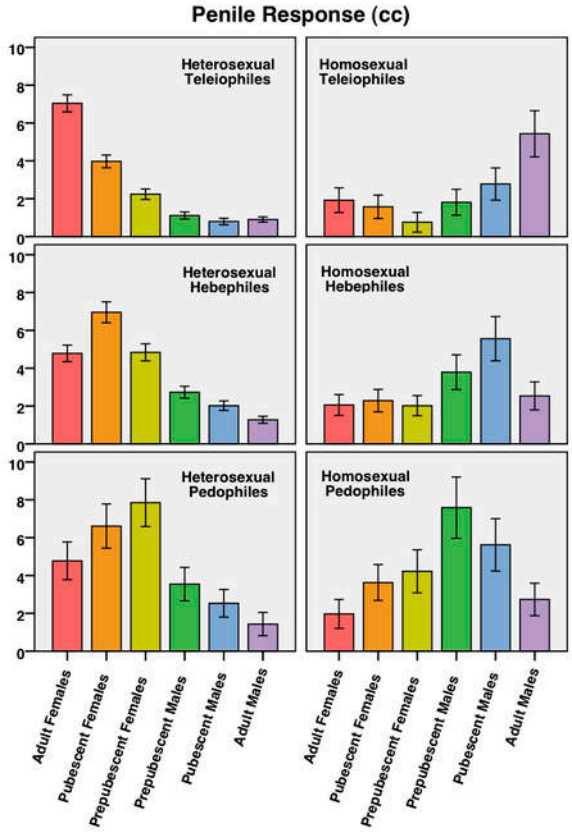
So, at the outset, let me give away the answer to my headline question: Do gay men have more sexual interest in children than straight men do? No. And we have lab studies to prove it.

In fact, the British Journal ofPsychiatry *published a major study backing up the "no" answer almost*

40 years ago. The distinguished sex researcher Kurt Freund and his colleagues used a laboratory method (described below) that demonstrated that the sexual responses of gay men to boys were similar to the responses of straight men to girls. (Both responses are relatively low.) This past June in Canada, at the major international research conference on sexual orientation science, sex researcher Ray Blanchard (who was trained under Freund) presented substantial new data confirming and expanding on Freund's findings.

First, Blanchard describes the plethysmograph, which is in essence a means to measure erections in response to various sexual triggers. Although plethysmography has been criticized, it is a direct physical measure which allows comparisons across categories of response. Dreger and Blanchard describe the procedure in detail.

Although the sampling of men in the study raises some concerns, the research is quite relevant to the question about sexual interest. As Dreger notes, the sample is not representative of all men so the numbers of pedophiles are probably inflated compared to the total sample. Given that these are men suspected of a crime or seeking help, one might expect the non-clinical population to test more in keeping with their categorical orientation than this group.

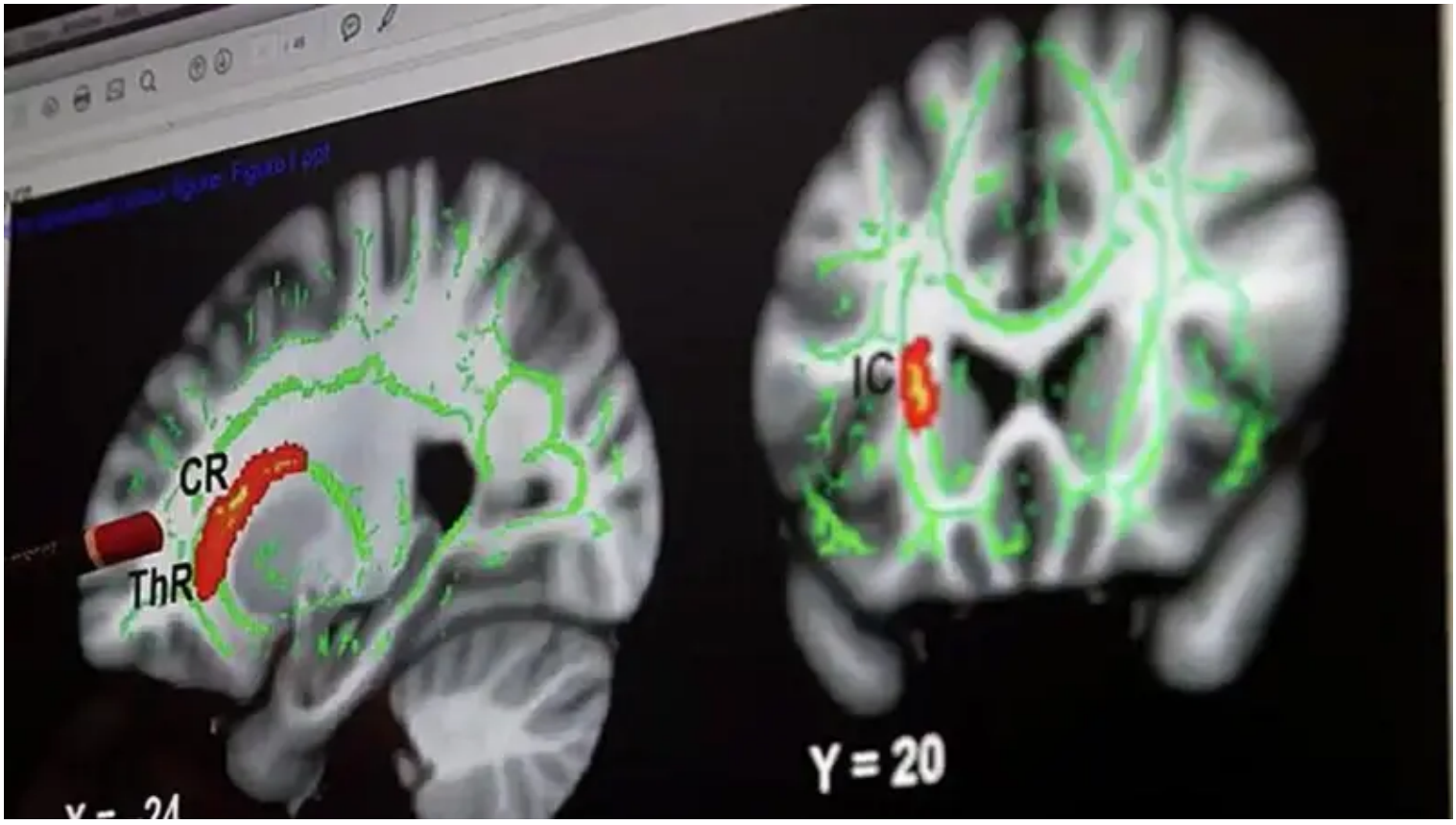


Dreger quotes Blanchard's explanation for the figure:

This figure shows the mean (average) response of each group to each stimulus category. So that statistically inclined readers can make some comparisons besides those I will explicitly discuss, I have included the 95% confidence interval for each mean. These are represented by the vertical lines bracketing the top of each bar. Two means are significantly different if their confidence

intervals do not overlap. The converse, however, is not true, and the significance of the difference between means with overlapping confidence intervals must be tested with methods other than visual inspection.
The key comparisons produced results similar to those of Freund et al. They show that gay men (homosexual teleiophiles) and straight men (heterosexual teleiophiles) have similar penile responses to depictions of children in the laboratory," that is to say, relatively low. But more important than their being relatively low, they're not really any different for gay and straight men. The responses of heterosexual teleiophiles to prepubescent girls were similar to the responses of homosexual teleiophiles to prepubescent boys (gold bar in top left panel vs. green bar in top right panel). The difference between these means was not statistically significant. The responses of heterosexual teleiophiles to pubescent girls were actually slightly higher than the responses of homosexual teleiophiles to pubescent boys (orange bar in top left panel vs. blue bar in top right panel). This difference was statistically significant; however, it is most likely trivial, because the heterosexual teleiophiles were generally a little more responsive than the homosexual teleiophiles.
Dreger concludes: "So it doesn't look like gay men are any more likely than straight men to be attracted to pubescent children." Assuming (which seems safe to me) that non-clinical, representative sampling would produce at least the same if not more stable categories, I think Dreger and Blanchard have solid evidence for their conclusion.

Are paedophiles' brains wired differently?



There has been immense concern in recent years over the scale of child sexual abuse. But even after years of study and investigation there's still disagreement over what causes paedophiles to be the way they are, writes Richard Sanders.

"People, they think 'why should we help the paedophile? We should be prosecuting them, throwing them in jail, having them castrated'. But if we offer help to paedophiles we might save children who might have been abused."

These were the remarkable words of Paul Jones, father of April Jones who was abducted and murdered by a paedophile in October 2012. There was evidence that Mark Bridger had been looking at child pornography online in the hours leading to her abduction.

Now Paul and his wife Coral are campaigning for better understanding of child sex abuse - including offering help to paedophiles to prevent them from offending. For them this is key to protecting children from harm.

Dr James Cantor, of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto, Canada, spends much of his time exploring the brains of paedophiles using MRI scans. He has reached a startling and controversial conclusion.

"Paedophilia is a sexual orientation," he says. "Paedophilia is something that we are essentially born with, does not appear to change over time and it's as core to our being as any other sexual orientation is."

Cantor found that the brains of the paedophiles he studied were wired differently to non-paedophiles - something he describes as effectively a "cross-wiring" of the brain. "It's as if, in these people, when they perceive a child, it's triggering the sexual instincts instead of triggering the nurturing instincts," he says.

He also says that convicted paedophiles are three times more likely to be left-handed or ambidextrous than the rest of the population - and that they are significantly shorter than other convicted criminals. It must be stressed that doesn't mean short and left-handed people are significantly more likely to be paedophiles, but these are characteristics that are generally determined during the first trimester of pregnancy - suggesting paedophilia could be determined at the same time, Cantor says. A possible cause may be maternal stress or malnourishment.

"The more we can zero in on exactly what's going on and when it's happening, the greater chance of being able to prevent it from developing in the first place," says Cantor.

But his theory diverges markedly from the other explanations of why paedophilia exists. A nature/nurture debate is raging fiercely among experts in the field of child sexual abuse.

For a long time the dominant thesis was what Duncan Craig of Survivors Manchester - a charity for male survivors of abuse - calls the Vampire Syndrome. Craig defines this as "the idea [that] if you'd been bitten by a vampire you'll go on to become a vampire. If you've been abused you will go on to become an abuse."

Find out more

The Truth About Child Sex Abuse, presented by Tanya Byron and Tazeen Ahmad, is broadcast on Tuesday 24 November on BBC Two at 22:00 GMT - watch on BBC iPlayer. The programme covers a range of subjects including the personal stories of victims, how police are tackling the offenders and what
government and charities are doing to help.

Many people who work with survivors of abuse are fiercely hostile to this idea, believing it stigmatises those who have experienced the horror of child sexual abuse.

"I do find this really sad. It stops men from being fathers," says Craig. "The amount of times I've sat with a client who has broken down into tears and talked about not being able to change a baby's nappy. Not because he thinks he's going to do something but because the myth is out there."

Tanya Byron interviews 'Mike' who has undergone therapy for downloading images
Cantor's work provides an alternative explanation of how paedophilia develops. However, it carries with it the stark implication that, if you are born a paedophile, you are condemned to stay a paedophile.
This is strongly disputed by many, including Dr Paul Fedoroff, director of the Sexual Behaviours Clinic at the Royal Ottawa Mental Health Centre.
Fedoroff maintains he is able to "cure" paedophiles, making use of anti-androgen drugs to temporarily remove their sex drive.
"We take sex off the table," Fedoroff says. "We give them a chance then to develop healthy lifestyles." Those being treated are able to get a job and hopefully build up a consensual relationship with an adult "that's not primarily based on sex".
"Once they're in that situation... then we stop the anti-androgens and their sex drive comes back. And it turns out that if it develops into a normal healthy relationship, they start to have sexual activities with their partner which they both enjoy. Their preference changes to adult."
One of Dr Fedoroff's patients talks about how he believes he has been "cured"
The debate is complicated by the fact that not all child abusers are regarded as paedophiles in the traditional psychiatric use of the term.
Many are what are termed "hebephiles". Where paedophiles are defined by a persistent attraction to pre-pubescent children, hebephiles have a very specific attraction to pubescent children, aged roughly 11-14. The character Humbert Humbert in Vladimir Nabokov's novel Lolita is perhaps the most famous example of this type of child abuser. Cantor says the brains of such people differ from the rest of the population in the same way as paedophiles - but to a lesser degree.
It's believed that many more people have desires that they don't act on. "There are some concerning studies... that would suggest that maybe 10, [or] 12% of the adult population of the UK have occasional if not frequent sexual thoughts involving teenage children," says Donald Findlater of the Lucy Faithfull Foundation, one of Britain's leading experts on child sex abusers.
"But they manage those thoughts, they don't act on them, and they put them where they belong. But for the sex offender they persuade themselves that this behaviour is OK or they're in a situation where they don't care."
Abusers frequently have adult relationships alongside abusive relationships with children. Those with a sexual interest in teenagers more often abuse girls whereas paedophiles, clinically defined, tend to have a higher proportion of boys among their victims, says Findlater.

Scale of abuse

The Children's Commissioner analysed 50,000 cases that came to the attention of police, social services and voluntary organisations in England between April 2012 and March 2014:

- It's estimated that around 425,000 children and young people under 18 were sexually abused
- Only about one in eight children who are abused report it

In addition, 750 adult survivors of abuse in or around the family were surveyed:

- About two-thirds who suffered abuse were abused either by someone in the family or someone they know through the family
- Asked what happened when they reported abuse, 21% said abuse stopped, 18% said it got worse

'Thousands' of sex abuse cases missed

How big is the child abuse 'iceberg'?

To add to the complexity, about a third of those who offend against children are other children or young people under the age of 18. Kevin Gallagher runs an intervention centre for such offenders in Wales and stresses that they must be viewed very differently from adult offenders. With this group, he insists, nurture rather than nature is the key factor.

"Our young people will have been through very difficult and traumatic early childhood experiences,"

says Gallagher. "We're talking about neglect, trauma, attachment difficulties, poor parenting experiences that sometimes will have included sexual abuse in their own histories.
"The vast majority of young people of whichever age who engage in maladaptive sexual behaviour with other children will grow out of that or, with the right sort of support and intervention, are able to understand where that's come from, deal with victim work and
move on from these incidents."

Abuse in and around the family

Breakdown of abusers (In England between April 2012 and March 2014)
Responses to the survivor survey demonstrate:

- Male family friends were the most frequent abuser
- Father was the next most frequent response, followed by "uncle", "brother" and "stepfather"
- Mother formed a small group of identified perpetrators

Children's commissioner report

Of the 45 boys who have been through Gallagher's intervention centre, not one has re-offended.
With adult offenders, on the other hand, core sexual desires appear to be harder to alter.
When we interviewed one of Fedoroff's patients, a man who had previously served time in prison for

abusing his daughters, he confessed he still had sexual thoughts about his victims.
"For the paedophile," says Findlater, "what hope they have of shifting that arousal [is] relatively small."
He runs a helpline called Stop It Now! It attempts to reach out adults who are concerned about child sexual abuse - including men wrestling with sexual thoughts about children.
Findlater's focus is on helping men control their sexual desires, rather than curing them. "Our strategy is about self-management," he says. "We need to help them manage that arousal... to make sure it's kept under control." The men are given strategies as to how they achieve that in the absence of an intimate relationship with anybody else.
There are a number of adult men who acknowledge they are paedophiles but insist they do not abuse children, or view indecent images.

Help for those affected by child abuse

- NSPCC specialises in child protection
- National Association for People Abused in Childhood offers support, advice and guidance to adult survivors of any form of childhood abuse
- Survivor Scotland offers help to improve the lives of survivors of childhood abuse in Scotland
- Childline is a private and confidential service for children and young people up to the age of 19
- The Children's Society works to support vulnerable children in England and Wales
- Stop It Now! supports adults worried about child abuse, including survivors, professionals, those with a concern about their own thoughts or behaviour towards children and friends and relatives of people arrested for sexual offending

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Chris - not his real name - is one such man. He has undergone intensive therapy. "For me, it was learning the difference between want and need," he says. "We all experience urges to do things, but it is just an urge, it doesn't mean that you have to do something. And just as you can make the choice to act on that feeling, you can just as easily make the choice not to."
Chris provides his own fascinating insight on the nature/nurture debate. "I think that my sexuality is who I am, it's what I was born with and that's my nature. The way I act and my moral feeling that to act on that sexual impulse is wrong and to harm a child is wrong is down to the fact that I was brought up with a very clear moral compass, a very clear idea of what is right and wrong."
Findlater fiercely defends the use of public funds to help men like Chris not be a danger to children. "My primary concern," he says, "is in protecting children and if we start from that premise - what's the best to protect children - then we have to extend services that would help sex offenders not be dangerous to children tomorrow."

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MYTHS & FACTS ABOUT GAY & LESBIAN PEOPLE

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It is important to remember that most of the negative stereotypes of gay, lesbian, and bisexual people are based on erroneous or inadequate information. Here are some myths and facts to consider:

MYTH: Lesbians and gay men are protected by civil rights laws in this country.
FACT: There are 17 states in the U.S. that explicitly protect lesbian and gay people. Eight states include sexual orientation and gender. Nine include sexual orientation only. One state protects in employment only. As a city, Dubuque has added sexual orientation as a protected characteristic in the human rights ordinance. In most places in the U.S., gay men, lesbians and bisexuals can be legally fired from their jobs regardless of job performance or seniority. They can also be denied the right to housing without any legal recourse. Lesbian and gay parents can, and often do, lose custody of their children without any discussion of their parenting skills. In short, it is legal to discriminate, except in states and cities where sexual orientation is a specific protected class.

MYTH: It's a "choice."
FACT: It is generally accepted there is some predisposition or genetic relationship to sexual orientation, but not every one agrees. Many scientists believe sexual orientation is set at birth, certainly by age five. Research on the DNA of gay, male twins shows that genetics plays a role in establishing sexual orientation. The research of Dr. Alfred Kinsey suggests few people fit into either strictly homosexual or heterosexual categories. Many people now view sexuality on a continuum, rather than categories in opposing "camps." The actual choice is whether or not to live one's life openly and honestly with oneself and others.

MYTH: It is "not natural" to be lesbian or gay.
FACT: Research suggests homosexuality is almost universal among animals and is especially frequent among highly developed species. There has been evidence of homosexuality in all human cultures throughout history. Studies have estimated that 10% of the population classify themselves as lesbian or gay. Judd Marmor, Professor of Psychiatry at USC Medical School, has calculated that 1 in every 4 families has a member (parent or child) who is lesbian or gay.

MYTH: People become gay or lesbian because of negative relationships with the opposite sex.
FACT: Homosexuality is not a negative relation to the opposite sex but a stronger, more powerful desire for emotional and physical intimacy with same-sex individuals.

MYTH: Gay and lesbian people can "change" or be "cured."
FACT: In 1990, the American Psychological Association stated that scientific evidence shows reparative therapy does not work, and it can do more harm than good. In 1998 the American Psychiatric Association stated, "psychiatric literature strongly demonstrates that treatment attempts to change sexual orientation [i.e. reparative therapy] are ineffective. However, the potential risks are great, including depression, anxiety, and self-destructive [suicidal] behavior...." Most gay men and lesbians have no desire to be "cured" (heterosexual). Some, however, find that accepting their sexual orientation is difficult, given the prejudice they face.

MYTH: Being gay or lesbian is a mental illness.
FACT: In 1973, the American Psychiatric & Psychological Associations removed homosexuality from the list of mental disorders. The National Institute for Mental Health found no greater incidence of mental illness among lesbians and gays than among heterosexuals.

MYTH: Most pedophiles are gay men.
FACT: Over 90% of child molestation is committed by heterosexual males against minor females. Studies have shown no correlation between a man's sexual orientation and a tendency to sexually abuse children. Pedophilia—sexual attraction to children—should not be confused with homosexuality.

MYTH: Gay and lesbian people are promiscuous.
FACT: Like heterosexuals, many gays/lesbians are involved in stable, monogamous relationships. Most gay/lesbian relationships are based on emotional and friendship bonds as well as sexual intimacy; in other words, the same relationship ingredients as any heterosexual relationship. Of course some of these relationships have problems, as do some heterosexual relationships. At the same time, gay relationships may be harder to maintain, as they are not sanctioned or supported by this society, at this time.

MYTH: AIDS is a homosexual disease.
FACT: This is a commonly held myth. In reality, the risk of exposure to HIV is related to a person's behavior, not their sexual orientation. What's important to remember about HIV/AIDS is that it is a preventable disease through the use of safe sex practices and by not sharing needles associated with drug use.

MYTH: Gay and lesbian people are easy to identify.
FACT: People often use stereotypes to identify a person's sexual orientation, such as saying that gay men are "flamboyant" and lesbians are "butch." In a study conducted to see if people could accurately identify a person's sexual orientation after watching a series of videotaped interviews, close to 80% of the subjects were unable to identify the person's sexual orientation (Berger et al, 1987).

MYTH: People cannot be gay and happy.
FACT: In 1994, the American Medical Association stated, "Most of the emotional disturbance experienced by gay men/lesbians around their sexual identity is not based on physiological causes; rather it is due more to a sense of alienation in an unaccepting environment." This means the discrimination and stress gay/lesbian people face is the root cause of a lot of pain. That pain can be alleviated by knowing there is a community of gay/lesbian people and straight-supportive Americans who know and care about them and the issues they face.

MYTH: Gay and lesbian people try to convert others to be homosexual.
FACT: Attempts by gay and lesbian people to educate others about what it means to be gay or lesbian can be misconstrued as attempts to convert people. Access to information about homosexuality does not make someone gay or straight, though it may help them better understand their own sexuality.

MYTH: In homosexual relationships one person always plays the role of husband and the other wife.
FACT: Invariably people ask which partner is the man and which is the woman. Research has shown most lesbians and gay men actively reject traditional husband-wife or masculine-feminine roles as a model for their relationships. Clear-cut or obvious husband-wife roles are uncommon.

MYTH: Children raised by gay or lesbian parents are less mentally healthy than other children.
FACT: According to the 2000 census, more than 1 million children are being raised by same-sex couples nationwide. Some people fear that gay or lesbian parents are not as loving, responsible or dependable as heterosexual parents; however, the American Psychological Association and other major medical and scientific researchers have stated that children of gay and lesbian parents are as mentally healthy as children raised by heterosexual parents.

MYTH: Children raised by gay or lesbian parents will grow up to be gay.
FACT: All available evidence demonstrates sexual orientation of parents has no impact on the sexual orientation of their children and that children of lesbian and gay parents are no more likely than any other child to grow up to be gay. Homosexual parents cannot *impose* their sexual orientation on their children. Of course, some children of lesbians and gay men will grow up to be gay, as will some children of heterosexual parents.

MYTH: Only gay and lesbian people should initiate discussions about gay issues.
FACT: It is often unsafe for gay/lesbian people to bring up such issues because of the possibility of physical harm or discrimination. Straight people can initiate discussions, use inclusive language, and express general acceptance of gay folks.

Is There a Link Between Homosexuality and Pedophilia?
August 30, 2015 by Tim Rymel 6 Comments

Though researchers settled this question decades ago, it's still a popular talking point among religious conservatives.

I came from the conservative, fundamentalist wing of Christianity. If that wasn't far enough to the right, I belonged to a "prestigious" list of ex-gay leaders. We believed that homosexuals could be fixed and, if in fact they couldn't, they were a blight on God's America that would inevitably drag us all to hell.

So last week, when I wrote an article entitled What do we know about pedophiles? I knew in the back of my mind that someone, somewhere, would connect pedophilia to gay men. I wasn't

disappointed. Or perhaps I should say I was very disappointed, but not surprised.

The research showed that gay males were no more sexually aroused by pictures of young boys than straight males were aroused by pictures of young girls (Freund et al., 1989)..

These days, about the only time we hear a connection between pedophiles and gay men is when it's coming from far right-wing "family values" organizations that use it to instill fear in their followers and raise funds to perpetuate bigotry and ignorance. We also hear it from some "ex-gay" organizations working to convince strugglers that unless they turn from their gayness, they will end up as destitute child molesters in hell.

An interesting note here. The only time I've heard anything about pedophilia and homosexuality from the ex-gay movement itself is from "ex-gay" *female*leaders. I've never heard a single male "ex-gay" testimony where a man said he had been attracted to, or had been molesting children. That distinction always seems to be for "those other gays."

So let's put this to rest once and for all.

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First of all, in 1993 an expert panel of researchers, which was convened by the National Academy of Sciences, came to the conclusion that, "The distinction between homosexual and heterosexual child molesters relies on the premise that male molesters of male victims are homosexual in orientation. Most molesters of boys do not report sexual interest in adult men, however" (National Research Council, 1993, p. 143).

What led up to this report was years of research, such as the one in 1978, by researchers Groth and Birnbaum. They studied 175 male subjects convicted of child molestation and found that none of them had exclusive homosexual adult sexual orientations. The report went on to say that 53% of those, "in their adult relationships...engaged in sex on occasion with men as well as with women. However, in no case did this attraction to men *exceed* their preference for women....There were no men who were primarily sexually attracted to other adult males..." (p.180). The other 47% had an exclusive attraction to children and no attraction to adults.

Of all the cases studied by Dr. Carole Jenny, in which she and her colleagues reviewed 352 medical charts of molestation cases for one year in a Denver children's hospital, less than 1% of the molesters could be identified as gay or lesbian. (Jenny et al., 1994)

With the science community in agreement, where does this idea of a link between homosexuality and child molestation come from?

In 1989, a Canadian researcher showed pictures of models of all ages and both genders to both straight and gay male subjects. The participants were first screened to ensure they preferred adult partners. They were connected to a penile plethysmography to measure sexual arousal. The research showed that gay males were no more sexually aroused by pictures of young boys than

straight males were aroused by pictures of young girls (Freund et al., 1989).

And in 1982, Dr. A. Nicholas Groth, a leading researcher, wrote:

Are homosexual adults in general sexually attracted to children and are preadolescent children at greater risk of molestation from homosexual adults than from heterosexual adults? There is no reason to believe so. The research to date all points to there being no significant relationship between a homosexual lifestyle and child molestation. There appears to be practically no reportage of sexual molestation of girls by lesbian adults, and the adult male who sexually molests young boys is not likely to be homosexual (Groth & Gary, 1982, p. 147).

As Dr. Greg Herek points out, the matter that there is no link between homosexuality and child molestation was settled so long ago that it is difficult to find more recent research on the topic. Herek notes that in the 1994 issue of *Pediatrics*, "debates about gay people as molesters 'have little to do with everyday child abuse' and lamented that they distract lawmakers and the public from dealing with the real problem of children's sexual mistreatment."

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In the early 70s, Christian fundamentalist Anita Bryant began her "Save the Children" campaign, which sought to unite the conservative church against the gay community and deny gay people the right to hold jobs in public schools. Her fear tactics, claiming that gay men were molesters in teacher's clothing, gained her a huge following and raised a lot of money. The same tactics are still used today, with much of the same misinformation used by Bryant.

A precursory Google search on the topic turns up a list of right-wing, fundamentalist Christian organizations, often affiliated with or supporting "ex-gay" ministries and reparative therapy counseling centers, that perpetuate this unscientific notion. In a few seconds I found statistics from TraditionalValues.org that said, "While they [homosexuals] comprise only 1-2% of the population, they are responsible for upwards of a third or more of all sexual molestations of children."

WND titled a 2002 article (emphasis theirs) PEDOPHILIA MORE COMMON AMONG 'GAYS', and then proceeded to quote a religious organization's "findings," though none of those same statistics could been found in mainstream, peer-reviewed journals.

> Homosexuality is a natural variation of human sexuality, as research has shown time and time again. LGBT people have no more of a propensity for child molestation than their straight counterparts.

Not surprisingly, anti-gay group Family Research Council states unequivocally that gay people are "committing up to one-third of the sex crimes against children," though it doesn't state where it gets its information. Also not surprising, they supply a long list of resources on their website that state nothing more than most child molesters are male and then make the gigantic leap that male child molesters who molest boys are gay men. As I stated in last week's article, pedophilia and child

molestation is a very complicated issue. It is certainly more complex than simply blaming it all on the gays.
So why not let them be? Why not just ignore them?
According to a Pew Research, around 25% of Americans claim to be evangelical Christians. This doesn't include all of the other conservative factions, such as Mormons, some mainline protestant churches, and conservative Catholics. Part of the problem is that when – inevitably – someone within their ranks comes out, there is an immediate assumption about them. They are frequently ostracized and many lose their support systems and families.
Homosexuality is a natural variation of human sexuality, as research has shown time and time again. LGBT people have no more of a propensity for child molestation than their straight counterparts. The mythical "gay agenda" doesn't exist, except maybe to be able to simply live life like everyone else.
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A very special thank you to the research of Dr. Gregory Herek and the U.C. Davis psychology site, from which much of this information comes.

'Paedophiles need help, not condemnation - I should know'

It's a long time since I've described myself as a paedophile.
Paedophilia is a disorder, a deeply distressing one.
For me, it's triggered by traumatic experiences in childhood.
I'm in my sixties now, but when I was a young boy my mother used to sit me on her lap while she dried me off after my bath, and she would fondle my genitals.
Her behaviour never felt sexual but, looking back, of course it was. I can't remember exactly how long that went on but it was a long time. By the time it was over, I was self-harming.
I think my attraction to young boys came from what my mother did to me.
I first acknowledged my abnormality around the age of 15. That was when I first realised that I wasn't changing mentally in the same way that other boys were changing.
They were taking an interest in women or, in one or two cases, in men. But I never did. I remained fixated on pre-adolescent boys, which was the age at which I had been sexually interfered with.
It was horrible.

Laurène Boglio

I never even contemplated abusing a child. It was a million miles away from what I wanted to be - which was a normal adult man.

I hoped that as I grew older I'd grow into an adult sexual orientation, but it was like my development had stalled.

It was completely terrifying, and I felt revolted with myself.

I realised that it was likely that I would lead a very lonely life. I was scared that if people found out about my terrible thoughts it could lead to violence, physical attacks.

I went to university, where I had a group of friends and spent several years battling against the reality of my mental state. I had almost no sexual experience at that time.

I was eventually forced to face the fact that I wasn't changing when I was outed by a housemate.

I guess he had noticed that if we started talking about children, I would change the subject. If we walked down the street and saw a family with children I would get uncomfortable.

Laurène Boglio

I was sitting in the front room. All my mates were cooking the evening meal and I don't think they realised I'd come downstairs. They were chatting away and I heard my friend say something like: "I think Jack's interested in young boys."

I put my coat on and quietly walked out of the house.

Walking out of that front door was like leaving one world and entering another.

I went to the university GP the next day. I said, "I'm a paedophile. Can this be cured?"

The conventional view of paedophilia is that it's an incurable condition. But this doctor laughed - he laughed! And he said, "Of course it's curable."

It was an absolutely huge relief. The doctor didn't challenge my identification with paedophilia, he just accepted it and said: "No problem, we'll sort it."

Laurène Boglio

I got a referral letter to the Portman Clinic, which – amongst other services - offers specialist treatment for people with problematic sexual behaviours.

I went to London for my assessment a few weeks later. It was a midsummer's day in 1972 and I remember walking on Hampstead Heath, watching the trees, listening to the birds, and thinking: "I'm going into a new life."

The Portman Clinic's treatments are long-term. I was seen by them for several years.

You talk freely and, over time, they construct a picture of your subconscious drivers.

After treatment, I was a very different person. I even developed a sexual interest in women, which felt extraordinarily liberating.

But there was a lot about me that was shy, inexperienced and naïve.

In a sense, I had to experience my adolescence years after all my peers. I'd had minimal sexual experience, all my friendships had been warped by my self-hatred and I had a huge lack of self-esteem.

I'm now in a good relationship, and have been for a long time with a woman whom I love.

She has always known about my disorder, which will always be something I carry with me. No one else knows, not even my family.

I've since done things that I'm proud of in my life. They're not huge achievements, but they're achievements nonetheless. If I've got one regret, it's that I'm only now doing this kind of advocacy work for paedophiles.

I work with a charity called StopSO, a specialist treatment organisation for the prevention of sexual offending. It's a UK-wide organisation offering therapy to anyone who feels at risk of committing a sexual offence.

Laurène Boglio

Paedophilia is not understood.

People think paedophilia is synonymous with child sexual abuse. But I would never have abused a child.

Most paedophiles have two warring drives within them: the urge to offend, and the urge to be normal. Most paedophiles are desperate for those desires to go away.

There are online communities where non-offending paedophiles can support each other.

I once discovered a woman online who was exactly like me. She was attracted to infants of the age at which she had been abuse. She also received therapy to treat her paedophilia.

But the demonisation of paedophiles makes it more difficult for non-offending young people who are worried about developing this sexual disorder to seek help.

I think every town in the country should have a clinic like the Portman. But we're far from that. NHS budgets have been cut, not just in this particular area, in the whole field of psychiatric and mental health care.

We should be identifying sexually damaged young people and potential abusers, and treating them as early as we can. That's a key way to break the cycle of sexual abuse.

Instead, if you're a paedophile who has not offended, but you want help, it is very rare to get

treatment on the NHS. Most of the time, you'll only get help after you've offended and already hurt someone.

I was lucky. Because of the help I got, I've been able to live a normal adult life. I've been able to address my issues in ways that others cannot.

Follow these links if you have been affected by **sexual abuse** or **mental health issues**.

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APA Associated Pedophilia With Sexual Orientation but Claims It Was an Error

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Did the American Psychiatric Association (APA) change the classification of **pedophilia**to a "**sexual orientation**" or did the American Family Association (AFA) make a false accusation to stir up fear among Christians?

As it turns out, neither.

Charisma News originally reported the AFA's shocking revelation that the APA's latest edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM) now classifies pedophilia as a sexual orientation or preference instead of a disorder.

Our investigation into the report and statement reveals that the AFA and its American Family Radio network talk show host Sandy Rios were not fear-mongering. Text associated with the DSM did indeed use the words *sexual orientation*.

In response to media calls, including queries from Charisma News, the APA admitted there was an error in the DSM and announced plans to correct its manual to make it clear that it does not classify pedophilia as a sexual orientation.

"The American Psychiatric Association's (APA) Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition (DSM-5) has recently been published after a comprehensive multi-year research and review of all of its diagnostic categories," the statement reads.

"In the case of pedophilic disorder, the diagnostic criteria essentially remained the same as in DSM-IV-TR. Only the disorder name was changed from 'pedophilia' to 'pedophilic disorder' to maintain consistency with the chapter's other disorder listings.

"'Sexual orientation' is not a term used in the diagnostic criteria for pedophilic disorder and its use in the DSM-5 text discussion is an error and should read 'sexual interest.' In fact, APA considers pedophilic disorder a 'paraphilia,' not a 'sexual orientation.' This error will be corrected in the electronic version of DSM-5 and the next printing of the manual.

"APA stands firmly behind efforts to criminally prosecute those who sexually abuse and exploit children and adolescents. We also support continued efforts to develop treatments for those with pedophilic disorder with the goal of preventing future acts of This is good news, but many observers have been predicting for years that pedophilia would be reclassified as a sexual orientation. And some still believe the mental health profession is on a slippery slope heading in that

direction. abuse.”

Are all men pedophiles. NO!

What is the difference between normal, healthy men and pedophiles? According to this documentary, as men age, their desires expand but do not simply change. They claim this is connected to the Stone Age, and the age people mated then. They also throw in Greek pederasty and how sexuality has changed through the lens of society.
Some issues are brought up, like the different maturity ages for men and women. We learn that Western society stigmatizes men who are attracted to young women while simultaneously promoting teen girls in the fashion industry and the media. We learn of lolicon.
Most striking is the claim that men today are afraid of touching children, including even showing affection towards their own children. The "pedophile" label has become so widespread that men fear it.
The film as a whole is rough, and at times not as authoritative as it could be. This is a topic that ought to be addressed again, perhaps with more studies.
Trying to sort fact from opinion in this one is tough.

LGBTQ+ Leaders Sign WEF Treaty to Accept Pedophiles as ‘Legally Protected Minority’
https://thepeoplesvoice.tv/lgbtq-leaders-sign-wef-treaty-to-accept-pedophiles-as-legally-protected-minority/amp/

LGBTQ+ leaders are officially recognizing pedophiles as part of the club following World Economic Forum pressure to accept minor attracted persons as legally protected minorities.

According to the WEF, criticizing pedophiles is "hate speech" and governments must crack down on anybody who refuses to accept minor attracted persons in their community.

As children are paraded in front of pedophiles at Pride festivals around the world, it's time to make a stand and protect our children from the monsters who are determined to prey on them without consequences.

Before we dive in, subscribe to the channel if you haven't already and join the People's Voice Locals Community for exclusive and uncensored content.

The global elite are pouring funding into support pedophilia advocacy groups as the effort to normalize and legalize the molestation of children continues full steam ahead.

Want to see what the global elite's pedophilic fever dreams look like in the cold light of day?

Hundreds of millions of dollars of tax payers' money is being spent of pro-pedophilia groups in WEF-infiltrated Canada, while ordinary hard working families struggle to put food on the table amid an orchestrated cost of living crisis.

Pedophiles have been emboldened by the elite.

On June 12, a woman named Shayna called into the the iHeart Radio Bex & Buster show and declared her unwavering support for pedophiles, urging society to "abolish" the "stigma" that surrounds them.

It just so happens that Shayna works for the International Pedophile and Child Emancipation (IPCE)

organization, a well-funded group that is working for the so-called “emancipation” of pedophiles and the children who these sickos believe want to have sexual relationships with them.

Shayna and her co-conspirators at the IPCE are not alone. Children have become a regular sight in sexually charged contexts at Pride festivals around the world.

In Spain, children were forced to take part in a pro-pedophilia event wearing lingerie, garter belts, and bondage gear with rainbow Pride flags attached to their backs.

Everyone involved in this should be arrested.

They want your children. They said it, and now they’re showing you.

They aren’t joking.

Anyone who thinks Jeffrey Epstein had the only island where children are trafficked to pedophiles needs to wake up and smell the coffee.

These monsters have been emboldened to the point where they are now comfortable showing their faces and demanding their so-called rights to have sexual relationships with our children.

Are we going to allow this to continue?

In a world where the left is pushing for everything to become politically correct, pedophiles on social media are seizing the opportunity to rebrand themselves as MAPS and are demanding acceptance by society.

The online pedophile community has constructed their own flag and often describe their attraction to children as a “*sexual orientation*,” rather than a scientifically recognized mental illness.

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Fuck it, I have nothing to lose. MAP PRIDE! #map #maprights #mappride #mapacceptance #trans #comeatmeanti #fml

Democrat politicians are not far behind. Kentucky Democrat Senator Karen Berg says pedophiles

must not be put in prison and should instead be given child sex dolls to – and I quote – *"give them a release."*

Democrats like Karen are sexualizing children and defending pedophiles.

Make no mistake, the rot starts at the very top.

As much as the media and fact checkers try and obscure the truth, we know for a fact that Obama flew in $65,000 worth of so-called "hotdogs and pizza" for a private White House party using clandestine channels.

We also know, thanks to WikiLeaks emails, that the FBI has identified "hotdogs and pizza" as pedophile codewords, with "hotdogs" being code for young boys and "pizza" for young girls.

As you may have guessed, there are no publicly available images or information about this hotdog and pizza party.

Obama also allowed his teenage daughter, Malia, to intern with convicted rapist and alleged pedophile Harvey Weinstein.

The globalist elite get off on hiding in plain sight, which is the only way to understand why Obama also also publicly exchanged a children's friendship bracelet with a pedophilia-themed pizza charm on it with the then-vice president Joe Biden.

Happy 55th, Barack! A brother to me, a best friend forever.

According to the mainstream media, two men sharing a bracelet – which was later confirmed by the FBI to contain pedophilia symbols – is *completely normal*.

They also claim that Biden's daughter Ashley's teenage diary, which outs her father as a predatory pedophile, is *nothing to get hot and bothered about*.

And every time Biden sniffs, gropes and make inappropriate comments to a young girl, the media

runs a per-prepared series of articles defending his behavior and attacking those who claim we should maybe be asking serious questions about the predilections of this man.
This is the new normal and plowing ahead at full steam, just how the globalist elite planned.
But don't take my word for it.
Calin Georgescu, the former president of the Club of Rome and executive director at the United Nations, is one of the most well-placed and high-profile whistleblowers in global elite history.
That's why the mainstream media are determined to silence him and ensure he never has the chance to share with the masses what he knows from personal experience about the pedophile elite.
Georgescu is a real UN insider and he explains that a shadowy cabal of pedophiles at the highest levels of politics, finance and the entertainment industry use their power to hide the sickening crimes they commit against children.
There is just one problem for Schwab and the other reprobates who crawl the halls of his globalist headquarters in Davos. We will never allow his sick agenda to infiltrate our culture.
This is a hill we are willing to die on.
These are critical times and here at The People's Voice we are determined to expose the elite and hold them to account before its too late. Join us in our mission to wake up the masses by subscribing to the channeland joining the People's Voice Locals community to join our amazing team. I hope to see you there.

Azar Community Guidelines

Azar

Azar provides a place where you can interact with people from various nationalities, races, and cultural and religious backgrounds beyond routine life using real-time video. We prioritize your enjoyment through interaction based on common interests.
To achieve this, building a community where everyone can feel safe is a key. Below is a list of our community guidelines that we ask all users to abide by. If any user violates these guidelines, we may impose restrictions on the user at any time according to our internal regulations.
We encourage you to report any inappropriate behavior or content immediately. Azar Team reviews all reports thoroughly. Learn How to Report.

Azar Community Guidelines

You must be 17 or older to use Azar (The minimum age to use Azar Live is 18 years old.)
To promote a safe community, inappropriate content(videos, images, or texts) and bad behavior(words, gestures, or actions) are strictly prohibited.

1. Nudity, Pornography and Other Sexual Content

Sexual exposure and harassment are defined as severely prohibited and disciplined. Also, in the case of suggestive content or acts using objects (adult products, underwear, real dolls, etc.), we may impose restrictions on the service.

- **Any kind of sexual contents and exposure are prohibited**

    - All kinds of nudity including exposing genitals, buttocks, nipples, pubic hair or the visible outline of genitals
    - Any behavior implying sexual intents even without nudity
    - Any content implying sexual behavior regardless of any gender
    - Sexual intercourse and any behavior and content implying sexual intercourse
    - Exposure and usage of sexual products
    - Expressing or implying sexual intercourse with hand gestures
    - Any pornography including videos, images or text
    - Genitals of animals exposed intentionally
    - Any behavior and content related to pedophilia
    - Searching objects for sexual intercourse
    - Intentional exposure of ones dressed in only underwear
    - Expressing of certain sexual orientations which can offend others
- **Please do not commit sexual harassment which can offend others**
    - Any comments considered as sexual harassment without the other's agreement
    - Suggestion of sexual intercourse or equivalent behavior
    - Sexual harassment using the body
    - Displaying a part of body with any object
    - Comments considered as sexual harassment related to body
    - Any expression which can be considered sexual by implication or intention

2. Protection of Minors

We set a limit on the usage of the service.

We do our best to minimize risk elements which minors might encounter. We strictly prohibit the minor under the age limit from the service and strongly restrict content which can negatively affect minors.

1. **You cannot use the service account when you are under the age limit**
2. **Your age can be changed by Azar Team when it is believed that you created an account with a false age**
3. **We strongly discipline sexual harassment or suggestions of illegal acts against minors**

- **We strongly restrict sexual harassment or content against minors**
    - Any sexual behavior against minors
    - Any suggestion or implication of sexual acts against minors
    - Any behavior or content related to pedophilia
- **We strongly restrict content which encourages minors to inappropriate behavior**
    - Content in which minors drink alcohol
    - Content in which minors smoke
- Protection of Minors - Please read the instructions for safety

3. Digital Sex Crime

Distribution and exposure of illegal filming or pornography are prohibited. If any provision of digital sex crimes violated, intensive restricment shall be executed. In the case of severe issues, Azar team shall discipline criminals and do our best to prevent recurrence, cooperating with external agencies.

4. Hatred, Insult, Bullying

We create a community where everyone respects each other beyond the barriers of nationalities, religions, and races. All kinds of discrimination, defamation, hate content, hate speech, bullying and threats are prohibited.

The criteria of discrimination and bullying includes not only individual, but also religion, race, ethnicity, nationality, age, gender, sexual orientation, political orientation, disability, physical condition and etc.

- **Hate content is rejected**
  - Content or behavior of hatred against individual or certain groups
  - Content which implies ideology of hatred
  - Content or behavior of racism
  - Suggestion or propaganda of organization of terrorism, hatred or crime
- **Do not insult others/certain groups**
  - Content which ridicules and insults celebrity, politician or dead person
  - Insulting others' appearance
  - Slandering and maligning others
  - Swearing and cursing
  - Offending others with hand gestures
- **Bullying and threat are prohibited**
  - Bullying for private information of person or group
  - Threatening for private information of person or group
  - Bullying Others
  - Stalking
  - Demanding or threatening for money or equivalent object
  - Bullying or threatening for screen captured or recorded

5. Hateful Conduct, mistreatment , violence content and any content that may sexually humiliate or offend others

Azar encourages you to enjoy joyful content and conversations through connecting different people throughout the world with common interests. Any kind of discrimination, defamation, bullying, hateful content or activities is prohibited. Examples are as follows:

- **Do not share cruel or abused/abusing content**
  - Contents of cruelly abusing human or animals
  - Scenes from horror movies
  - Human or animal corpse images
  - Execution scenes or content related to execution
- **Acts of violence is prohibited in Azar**
  - Terrifying acts towards others using guns, knives, or weapons
  - Assault
  - Photos of assault victims
- **Do not share content related to self-harm or suicide**
  - Any behavior or content related self-harm or suicide

    - Any behavior or content that encourages self-harm or suicide
    - Any behavior harming yourself on purpose with weapons
- **Any contents giving an unpleasant feelings to others are deleted after review**
    - Hateful images or actions
    - Giving an unpleasant feelings with creepy masks
    - Contents shown urine, excrement or toilet
    - Contents shown enlarged skin wound or troubles
    - Acts of showing the inside of the mouth or saliva on purpose
    - Giving an unpleasant feelings to others with licking or sucking body parts
    - Giving an unpleasant feelings with enlarging body parts on purpose
    - Any deformed images

6. Privacy policy

To protect all users' privacy, in the case of sharing private and personal information on profiles, in accordance with Azar Team's judgement, it can be deleted without any notice. Any unauthorized sharing of private information is prohibited. Demanding someone to share their personal information, theft of someone's personal information or impersonation are prohibited. If you are forced to ask for personal information, please report it.

Below are the examples of private information that must not be demanded, shared, or used without permission:

- Personally identifiable information
    - Legal name
    - Email address
    - Location of work/school/home address
    - Current location, etc.
- Personal ID
    - Social security card
    - Driver's license
    - Passport, etc.
- All kinds of personal financial information
    - Bank account information
    - Credit card information
    - Financial account information, etc.
- Personal contacts and social media accounts
    - Phone number
    - Kakao Talk, Line
    - Whatsapp
    - Facebook/Instagram account, etc.
- All kinds of content that is reasonably expected to be private
- Sharing personal information
    - Uploading content about personal
    - information

- Requesting personal information
- Impersonation and identity theft
    - Using someone's photos
    - Impersonating someone
    - Creating accounts using someone else's mobile phone number and social media accounts

7. All Kinds of Illegal Behavior and More

Above this, all illegal activities or immoral/unethical behavior that is socially unacceptable are prohibited. Also, service can be restricted or profile information can be changed if any acts are considered against building a positive community. Any can be distributed as inappropriate contents or acts in accordance with Azar team's decision even though they are not stated on this community guideline. Also, according to this distribution, service can be restricted or Information can be changed such as age, gender etc.

- Prostitution
    - Offering, suggesting, or promoting any sexual services including prostitution, erotic massage, and compensated dating
- Spam
    - Any behavior or content that advertises illegal websites
    - Advertising any products and services with no agreement with Azar Team
- Scams
    - Any behavior or content that offers an investment in exchange for money
    - Any behavior or content related to phishing or scamming
- Drugs
    - Any behavior or content that offers illegal drugs
    - Any behavior or content that sells illegal drugs and advertises illegal drugs
- An act of using abnormal client
    - Using clients including an emulator by abnormal ways
- An act of impersonating a service operator
    - Impersonating Azar service operators
- Using Azar for purposes other than its intended use
- Violating other regulations or having a negative effects on Azar service
    - Account sign-up by entering false information (gender, age)
    - Capturing and recording someone without consent
    - It is prohibited to submit false reports against users whose behavior does not violate our Terms of Service and Community Guidelines.

In order to ensure the safety and well-being of our users, we are committed to respecting and upholding the cultural values and local laws of each country in which our community operates.

If your account is permanently suspended and you would like to appeal the decision, please, contact us through **this form** only.

Advocacy groups, mental health experts urge governor to call off special session

Jul. 9—A coalition of advocacy organizations and behavioral health providers is calling on Gov.

Michelle Lujan Grisham to pull the plug on a special session scheduled to start in less than two weeks.

The coalition, which includes progressive-leaning groups that support the governor on many issues, wrote a letter Tuesday urging her to "halt" the special session and "engage further with community experts" on her proposals to tackle mental health and other public safety-related issues in New Mexico ahead of the regular 60-day session next year.

"With less than two weeks to go before session is slated to begin and an obvious lack of consensus between lawmakers on the (continually shifting) legislative proposals, there is simply no way to achieve the solutions New Mexicans deserve," the letter states. "Moreover, a special session that will conclude in a matter of days with little to no opportunities for community feedback is not conducive to passing true and lasting safety solutions."

The broad-based coalition includes the American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico, the Center for Civic Policy, Common Cause New Mexico, Equality New Mexico and the New Mexico Conference of Churches.

The governor's office did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The coalition's letter lists what it calls three top-line concerns, starting with legislation that expands the definition of "harm to self" and "harm to others" which would make it easier for the state to "force someone into a locked mental health facility."

"This legislation ... does nothing to tackle the underlying issue of critical shortages in voluntary care," the letter states. "Coercive treatment also threatens people's constitutional rights, transgresses basic principles of ethical care, causes trauma, and is likely to entrench distrust in New Mexico's systems of care."

The coalition is also raising concerns with a competency bill that would expand the universe of people subject to involuntary civil commitment. The proposal "would require detention of certain people who are not competent but also not dangerous and require prosecutors and judges to initiate civil commitment proceedings in a variety of circumstances," according to the ACLU.

"Legislation that mandates detention and the initiation of involuntary commitment proceedings for certain individuals with mental illness in the criminal courts strips prosecutors and judges of their ability to make discretionary, case-by-case assessments regarding an individual's freedom," the letter states. "This approach undermines the careful consideration of people's unique situations, potentially leading to unjust outcomes and causing further harm to the people you aim to help."

The coalition is also opposed to a roadway safety bill that would make it unlawful to loiter on the median of a highway with a posted speed limit of 30 mph or more and with a flat area less than 36 inches wide.

"Legislation that will saddle unhoused people with unpayable fines and jail time does nothing to meaningfully address pedestrian safety or solve our dearth of affordable housing and wrap-around services," the letter says. "At the same time, criminal records and debt will make it even more impossible for unhoused people to attain employment and housing."

The letter says the coalition's request for the governor to call off the special session was made with "respect and sincerity."

"We acknowledge that the call for a special session has ignited a much-needed conversation about mental health and public safety that has generated rich and creative ideas for addressing the complex conditions underlying the crises our communities now face," the letter states. "We are grateful to you for accelerating this critical dialogue, but real solutions deserve more time than we have. They also deserve more robust dialogue and partnership with community organizations like ours, which have been working diligently for years to lift us out of the crisis created by previous administrations."

This is a developing story and will be updated.

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Abortion has remained a fractious issue across Black Protestant churches

WASHINGTON (AP) — Phoenix pastor the Rev. Warren H. Stewart Sr. has had countless discussions this election season with fellow Black men on the economy, criminal justice, immigration and other issues dominating the political landscape in their battleground state of Arizona. But never abortion.

“They’re about justice. They’re about Donald Trump potentially reversing all of the gains achieved by the Civil Rights movement. They are not about abortion,” said Stewart.

It’s in stark contrast to what’s being said on the campaign trail, where President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris are wooing voters who support abortion rights, while Trump and his surrogates pursue anti-abortion voters.

Although Black men traditionally back Democrats, one prevailing narrative is they are unenthusiastic about Biden, the presumptive party nominee. They make up close to 7% of the electorate, according to a Pew Research Center analysis, and this year, a few thousand votes in Arizona, Pennsylvania and other swing states could decide the race.

Democratic U.S. Rep. James Clyburn of South Carolina remains concerned that Trumps’ hyper masculine-campaign style is drawing those Black male voters who don’t feel represented in mainstream politics away from the Democratic Party. Clyburn is trying to counter that trend.

President Joe Biden, right, and pastor Dr. J. Louis Felton pray at a church service at Mt. Airy Church of God in Christ, Sunday, July 7, 2024, in Philadelphia. (AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta) –
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After his dismal debate performance enflamed concerns about his age, Biden, 81, also is trying to shore up his loyal base. He recently appeared at Mount Airy Church of God in Christ in Philadelphia and elsewhere in the state to quell lingering questions and rumors.

"I, honest to God, have never been more optimistic about America's future if we stick together," said Biden, addressing the congregation in a short speech that evoked Harris but did not mention abortion rights.

Among Black clergy, few are better positioned to assess Biden's character and fitness than Bishop Reginald T. Jackson.

The 132nd Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Jackson, 70, was an advance man on Biden's first campaign for U.S Senate in 1972, first getting an up-close view of the candidate's shortcomings as a student at Delaware State University.

"All this stuttering? That ain't nothing new," Jackson said from his home in Atlanta.

Jackson said Biden's recent flubs during the debate and subsequent news conferences shouldn't stop him from touting his record of support for historically Black colleges and his administration's advocacy for minority-owned small businesses.

"It's almost as if the items the president has accomplished are being held like some sort of state secret," Jackson said.

On abortion, Jackson believes the federal government shouldn't meddle in a decision best left to a woman and her doctor, and says he is satisfied with the Biden campaign's handling of the issue.

Over the past half-century, abortion has remained a fractious issue across Black Protestant churches, fraught with questions about sexuality and gender that their Christian community has struggled with historically.

In interviews, Black church leaders acknowledged that the church has not always been adept at talking about human sexuality, a characteristic they share with their mainstream Protestant counterparts. In "Moral Combat: How Sex Divided American Christians and Fractured American Politics," author R. Marie Griffith, a humanities professor at Washington University in St. Louis, argues that the wariness to discuss sex — and contend with their deep-seated views on female sexuality specifically — is at the heart of many of the most divisive political issues.

One Black male pastor in particular, Democratic U.S. Sen. Raphael Warnock of Georgia, senior pastor of Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church, has been outspoken about his support for abortion access, especially during his 2022 re-election campaign.

But Warren Stewart, who leads First Institutional Baptist Church in Phoenix, wishes Biden and Harris weren't talking about abortion so much, even as he acknowledged the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe as a "political gift." He believes abortion should be legal only in cases where the life of the individual giving birth is in danger.

Others disagree. The Rev. Leslie D. Callahan, the first woman to pastor Philadelphia's historic St. Paul's Baptist Church, said all men regardless of race need to decide what functions of their bodies they'd like controlled by the federal government. Black women have the highest maternal mortality rate in the US, according to the CDC's 2022 report.

"Without bodily autonomy, what freedom do you really have?" she said.

She pointed out that Biden, who supports protecting access to abortion, isn't being called to resign from the presidency — just the campaign.

"If he's fit to govern, I don't quite understand why he's not fit to run," Callahan said. "If you're going to scrutinize Biden, let's scrutinize his presidency and his policies. If you're going to scrutinize fitness, then there needs to be consistent and equal scrutiny around the fitness of his opponent."

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As Trump tries to court Black voters, about 7 in 10 Black adults continue to have broadly negative views of him, according to an AP analysis of two consecutive polls conducted in June by the AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. However, that number is down 20 percentage points since early 2021.

Although the Trump campaign has said Black men may be more receptive to his message, Black men and women have similar views of him.

Black men's opinion of Biden also isn't overwhelmingly positive. The poll analysis found that about half of Black men have a somewhat or very favorable view of Biden — compared to about 7 in 10 Black women — and about 4 in 10 Black men see the president negatively.

The Rev. Otis Moss Jr., pastor emeritus of the Olivet Institutional Baptist Church in Cleveland, one of the largest and best-known Black churches in Ohio, is disturbed by Trump's positions, saying the former president cares about preserving life before birth — but not after.

"The human rights of the woman, the female, should not be infringed upon by someone else's political ideology," Moss said.

Vice President Harris, a member of Third Baptist Church in San Francisco, addressed religious beliefs during her March visit to a Planned Parenthood clinic in Minnesota — the first-ever toured by a sitting president or vice president.

"One does not have to abandon their faith or deeply held beliefs to agree that the government

should not be telling women what to do with their body," Harris said.
"If she chooses, she will consult with her priest, her pastor, rabbi, her imam. But is that for the government to tell her what she can and cannot do with her own body?"

Being Into Middle-Aged People Is Probably a Sexual Orientation

Some mesophiles might be really, really into this guy. Photo: Butch Martin/Getty Images

Quick, what is sexual orientation? If you're like most people, you probably answered something like "Whether you are attracted to men, women, or both." That's understandable, but you only get partial credit. But given the current scientific understanding of what sexual orientation is — that it is a deep-seated attraction toward certain sorts of people that first manifests itself around puberty, tends to be stable across the lifespan, and can't be altered by any intentional means — there's compelling reason to think gender is just one piece of a bigger, more complex puzzle.

That's the point hammered home in a new article in a special issue of the journal *Archives of Sexual Behavior* dedicated to the puzzle of sexual orientation. Written by Michael C. Seto, the forensic research director at the Royal Ottawa Health Care Group, the article focuses particularly on what are known as chronophilias, or sexual orientations which target certain age groups (the article is paywalled, but Seto said anyone who wants a copy can contact him via email or Twitter).

"One of the things I'm hoping to do in this paper is to point out what a huge frontier chronophilias are," he told Science of Us via DM. That's part of his broader attempt to expand the boundaries of sexual orientation as a concept, in light of research from him and others suggesting other dimensions matter as well. Are you aroused by others or by yourself? By living people or dead ones? And, most importantly from the point of view of criminological and forensics work, by older people or younger ones?

One of Seto's biggest contributions to this field, so far, has been to argue that pedophilia should be considered a sexual orientation. It's vital to point out that categorizing something as a sexual orientation does *not* mean that acting on it is morally acceptable. When the subject of expanding the boundaries of sexual orientation comes up, people tend to draw sloppy analogies between pedophilia and homosexuality, for example, arguing that lumping them together under the rubric of sexual orientation either excuses pedophilia or kneecaps moral arguments for gay rights. But what matters is whether the pursuit of sexual gratification harms other people — pedophilia does, homosexuality doesn't. It's worth a bit of confusion here for the key insight that this model provides: In all these cases, despite how morally different they are, the preferences in question weren't chosen and can't be altered (except in rare cases where they seem to shift over the course of a lifespan for reasons no one can fully explain).

There's a chart in Seto's paper (larger version here) that offers a helpful rundown of what the broader sexual-orientation model might look like if this view becomes more firmly established among sex researchers:

Age preferences	Focus
Nepiophilia	Infants and toddlers to age 2
Pedophilia	Prepubescent children, approximately ages 3–10
Hebephilia	Pubescent children, approximately ages 11–14
Ephebophilia	Adolescent minors, approximately age 15–17
Teleiophilia	Young, sexually mature adults (ages 18 to late 30s)
Mesophilia	Middle-aged adults, peri-menopausal or peri-andropausal, from 40 to late 50s
Gerontophilia	Old adults, from age 60 plus
Paraphilias	
Gynandromorphophilia	Persons with both male and female-typical features
Autogynephilia	Self as woman (for male respondent)
Autopedophilia	Self as prepubescent child (for adult respondent)
Zoophilia	Nonhuman species
Apotemnophilia	Self with amputation
Acrotomophilia	Other person with amputation
Biastophilia	Nonconsent cues, e.g., saying no, resisting
Fetishism	Body parts or nonliving objects
Sadism	Domination, humiliating others, causing pain/suffering
Masochism	Submission, being humiliated, experiencing pain/suffering
Exhibitionism	Exposing one's genitals to unsuspecting stranger
Voyeurism	Viewing unsuspecting stranger engaged in normally private activity, e.g., undressing

Caption from paper: "Gynephilia refers to attraction to females. Androphilia refers to attraction to males. Mesophiia is a new term coined for this article, for a chronophiia focused on middle-aged persons. The word is derived from the Greek root mesos, meaning intermediate."
The top terms are the words used to describe attraction to various age groups. The bottom terms are paraphilias, meaning — to oversimplify a bit — sexual urges that researchers find unusual and which seem to pop up a lot. "Where we are on safe ground with gender, I am making an argument for age" to be considered a sexual orientation, explained Seto, "and maybe some day we'll have a better understanding of how other paraphilias fit in." This will depend on empirical research, of course: Not just any common sexual interest is an orientation. It has to fit the aforementioned criteria about intensity, development at puberty, stability over the lifespan, and so on.

If you haven't heard the above term "mesophilia" before, that's because Seto created it to to refer to people who are attracted to middle-aged individuals. "I think nobody has studied mesophilia yet because it's not seen as a pressing need clinically," Seto explained. In other words — and this is a point he makes in his paper as well — if a mesophile goes about searching for sexual gratification by casing the local Target for dads who are down, it doesn't put anyone at risk of harm (homewrecking aside) or lead to lawbreaking in the way a pedophile searching for victims does. So because of the lack of research interest in mesophilia, Seto is inferring the existence of this orientation rather than pointing to an established literature on it.

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But logically, it's extremely likely mesophilia is real. One compelling reason to believe in it is that

there *is* clinical evidence to suggest sexual orientations directed toward every other age range, from nepiophilia all the way up to gerontophilia (though for the aforementioned reasons researchers have exhibited far more interest in pedophilia than gerontophilia). Why would there be a gap for middle-aged people? Another piece of evidence is — ahem — pornography. While ever-popular MILF and DILF videos tend to focus on men and women who are actually in their 30s and therefore not in the preferred age range of mesophilia, Seto writes, so-called "granny" videos and their ilk, on the other hand, *do* tend to feature performers in their 40s and 50s. The fact that a lot of these videos get made suggests there is a market for them, which adds some weight to the case for mesophilia (though people with one orientation can certainly dabble in pornography or sexual activities associated with another).

So what would it mean for someone to be a mesophile? Simply that they have a deep-seated attraction to middle-aged people. If what researchers have found out about other sexual orientations holds here, and there's no reason to think it wouldn't, this might partly be attraction that keys in on certain physical features — perhaps mesophiles are into the paunches many men develop in middle age, or to women's breasts that have begun to visibly sag — and partly a story mesophiles tell to explain their attraction. Whereas some pedophiles talk about being attracted to kids' levels of innocence and similar qualities, for example, Seto writes that he would "expect that mesophilic and gerontophilic individuals would emphasize qualities such as wisdom, maturity, and experience as a part of what they find attractive about middle-aged and elderly persons, respectively."

Other aspects of sexuality likely hold for mesophiles, too. As Seto notes elsewhere in the paper, just because someone is attracted toward one sort of person doesn't mean that, in certain situations, they aren't attracted to, or don't engage in sexual relations with, others. The vast majority of people are *teleiophiles*, for example, meaning they are most attracted to young, sexually mature adults in their late teens to early 30s. That doesn't mean that they *only*have sex with people in that age range. Sometimes teleiophiles only have access to people who are older; sometimes there are *Harold and Maude* situations where a young person falls in love with a much older one; and sometimes straight men have sex with other guys. Also, there's clinical evidence that people can have multiple orientations along the same dimension. The clearest example is bisexuality, but there are also (rare) cases in which pedophiles are also gerontophiles, for example. So theory suggests that usually a mesophile will be primary attracted to middle-aged people, but there could be some who are also attracted to other age ranges as well.

While Seto doesn't have plans to depart from his long-term interest in better understanding attraction to infants and pubescent children, he said that there's a ton of untapped potential for researchers to examine sexual attraction toward other, less morally and legally fraught age ranges. "One of my hopes with this paper is to encourage people to look at mesophilia," he said. The world's many connoisseurs of granny porn likely agree.

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IT HAS BEGUN: PEDOPHILIA IS JUST ONE ORIENTATION AMONG MANY

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Those international broadcasters whose sites can be used to download movies would already sensitize them against pedophiles. For example, the protagonist of one of the productions, which is also available in Hungary, presents the struggles of a pedophile man. Meanwhile, an American portal drew attention to the fact that countless LGBTQ books specifically for children are available on the market. In Hungary, in a few months, there will be a referendum on whether anyone other than parents can have a say in the sexual education of children, the M1 News reported.

I am not who I am - this is the title of the film that is already available in Hungary on the offer of one of the largest multinational broadcasters. The theme of the film revolves around the relativization of pedophilia. Magyar Nemzet reported on the film.

According to the article, "I am not who I am" presents the story and struggles of a pedophile man, but instead of portraying it as an outsider, it approaches the character with sensitivity and empathy, suggesting that pedophilia is just one orientation among many.

Several similar sensitizing initiatives have been launched in the past period . In addition to major broadcasters, many books deal with the promotion of the LGBTQ movement, for example. Movies and books are being made for an increasingly younger target audience.

I have the brain of a girl, the body of a boy. This is called transgender. I was born this way - this is

what, for example, one of the children's publications teaches the readers. The American conservative The Daily Signal collected seven books for children that, they say, are about gender identity and different sexual orientations, confusing young children. These contents appear regularly in school libraries and in lessons, but often also in kindergarten sessions.
In July, the Hungarian government initiated a referendum on whether Hungarian parents agree with this practice. In this, they are waiting for an answer as to whether they can hold classes showing sexual orientation in public educational institutions without parental consent, and the government is also seeking the opinion of citizens on the rules for authorizing gender reassignment surgeries and unrestricted access to sexual media content. Hungarians can vote on this topic for the first time in Europe.
"THE FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN IS AT STAKE, SO WE CANNOT COMPROMISE ON THIS ISSUE!"
Prime Minister Viktor Orbán justified the necessity of the referendum. He pointed out that , LGBTQ activists visit kindergartens and schools, and Brussels bureaucrats want to achieve the same in Hungary.
People agree that children should be protected from LGBTQ activists, according to research by the Center for Fundamental Rights. spoke **on M1**
He emphasized: despite this, many European and Brussels politicians, as well as the Hungarian left, attack and try to demonize the referendum, but it is the only democratic way to make a decision on issues of social destiny.
"The left-wing parties called for a boycott regarding the child protection referendum, but a boycott is not a solution. The essence of democracy is that everyone participates in decision-making. The referendum provides an opportunity to have a say in public affairs not only at the elections every four years, but also between two cycles," said the analyst.
This will be the eighth referendum in Hungary. The cabinet has already submitted the questions to the National Electoral Commission, and the board has certified them.
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Photo: Detail / I am not who I am (Muidhond / Tench) Belgian-Dutch film drama

TEDx speaker: 'Pedophilia is an unchangeable sexual orientation,' 'anyone' could be born that way

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by Dorothy Cummings McLean, LifeSite:
A German medical student sparked online backlash after she was filmed telling an audience that "pedophilia is an unchangeable sexual orientation, just like... heterosexuality."
Mirjam Heine gave a lecture in defense of pedophiles during the "independently organized" TEDx Talk at the University of Würtzberg in Germany in May. The title given to Heine's talk was "Why our perception of pedophilia has to change."
Introducing her theme with the "story" of "Jonas," a 19-year-old pedophile who studies law and plays soccer, she asked her listeners to put aside their revulsion for pedophiles.

“Anyone could be born a pedophile,” she told them.
According to the medical student, pedophilia is just another “unchangeable sexual orientation just like, for example, heterosexuality.” Heine asked her audience to differentiate between sexual attraction to children, which she believes should be accepted and tolerated as involuntary “feelings,” and child sexual abuse, which she underscored was always wrong.
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Here’s a Weird New Discovery About Pedophiles
By Jesse Singal

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When most people think about sexual orientation, they think about the straight/bi/gay spectrum (if you can call it a spectrum) — that is, whom you're attracted to. But as has been previously pointed out in this space, there's more to sexual orientation than that.

For example, another, less discussed facet of sexual orientation is the target of sexual attraction: Is the person attracted to others, to themselves, or to both? When someone is "sexually aroused by the idea or fantasy of being the erotic target," it's known as an erotic-target identity inversion, or

ETII, and that's the subject of a new paper in *Psychological Science*, not yet online, by Kevin Hsu and J. Michael Bailey, both of Northwestern University.

As Hsu and Bailey point out, researchers don't know much about ETIIs, and in fact only two types have really found their way into the literature. The most widely cited is autogynephilia, which describes situations in which natal males are "sexually aroused by the thought or image of being a woman," and sometimes transition. There's also apotemnophilia, "an ETII in which men find it sexually arousing to be an amputee." As the authors point out, men with ETIIs can also be attracted to external subjects of their attraction — apotemnophiles, for example, have the tendency "to report both sexual attraction to amputees and sexual arousal by the thought or image of themselves as an amputee." (I'd be remiss to not point out that autogynephilia is explosively controversial in the transgender community — see the middle section of my review essay on Alice Dreger's *Galileo's Middle Finger* to read about a witch hunt that almost ensnared Bailey as a result of a book he wrote that touched on autogynpehilia, for example, or the many critiques of the concept that have been written by trans and cis commentators alike, or this defense of it from a sex researcher who is herself a trans woman.)

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As Hsu and Bailey note, "Besides autogynephilia and apotemnophilia, no other putative ETII has received much empirical study." One candidate, they realized, might be an ETII associated with pedophilia — that is, situations in which pedophiles might be attracted to the idea of *themselves* as a child. After all, there had been some case reports hinting at this.

So the researchers recruited a group of pedophilic and hebephilic (attracted to early adolescents) men by placing advertisements on two websites where pedophiles congregate to trade strategies on not acting on their urges, and then asked them some survey questions. "Participants reported whether they have ever imagined being a child or having a child's body," Hsu and Bailey write, "and if so, the degree to which they were sexually aroused by doing so." Those who said they were aroused by this fantasy were also asked about the gender and age of the imaginary child in question. The participants were also asked how often they dress as children, and whether they had "ever considered the possibility that they would be better off as a child and whether they had ever considered hormones or surgery to make themselves look more like a child." Finally, they were asked some open-ended questions "about the precise nature of their fantasies and experiences" to allow for the collection of some qualitative data as well.

Here's the key finding:

Autopedophilia was common among pedohebephilic participants: 233 (49.1%) reported feeling at least mildly sexually aroused when they imagine being a child or having a child's body. The average degree of general autopedophilia among the participants was 4.40 (SD = 4.05). The distribution of general autopedophilia was bimodal, with over half the participants scoring either 0 (33.6%) or 10

(21.0%). Thus, a substantial minority of our sample was intensely autopedophilic.
In other words, based on this one sample, at least, it appears quite common for pedophiles to be aroused at the thoughts of themselves as a child. And, as is the case with other ETIIs, there was also often a match between external and internal targets of attraction: that is, among the pedophiles who were attracted to thoughts of themselves as a girl, 100 percent were also attracted, externally, to girls or to both genders. For those aroused by thinking of themselves as a boy, just 15.5 percent were attracted to girls, with the rest attracted to boys or both. Finally, the researchers found only minor rates of dressing as children among the autopedophiles: Just 13.2 percent had done so.
This is the first attempt to figure out the prevalence of autopedophilia, so it raises more questions than it answers. But Hsu and Bailey's work does mark an important step forward in understanding what motivates and arouses pedophiles. As society shifts toward the approach of working with pedophiles to get them to not act on their urges, rather than endlessly punishing and ostracizing them, this kind of knowledge can only help.

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US: Republican Representative claims paedophilia is a 'sexual orientation'

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A debate on charter schools in Raleigh, North Carolina, was marred Tuesday after a

Republican Representative suggested that an amendment to prevent discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation might be used to protect paedophiles.

After Democrat Representative Susan Fisher proposed an amendment to law on charter schools to prohibit schools "from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity", Represenative Paul Stam questioned the definition of sexual orientation.

He handed out a sheet listing 30 definitions under the title of 'sexual orientations', including paedophilia and bestiality. He commented: "Sexual orientation is not defined anywhere", and asked for clarification.

"Many, many sexual orientations are not the ones you want to have teaching kids in schools," he said. "You may think you know what you mean by this but you don't."

Legislators at the debate immediately objected to Stam's comments.

"It's offensive. Pedophilia is not a sexuality, it is a disease. It is a problem that has to be addressed outside of this body," said Democrat Representative Marcus Brandon.

Democrat Representative Tricia Cotham of Mecklenburg County later commented: "This is shameful. He needs to understand that his words and his actions are offensive and cannot be tolerated."

Equality North Carolina Executive Director Chris Sgro told LGBT publication Q-Notes that Stam's comments "represent not only an embarrassing display of anti-LGBT rhetoric in North Carolina, but a clear and present reminder of why these protections are so necessary — in our schools, in our workplaces, and at all level of everyday life in the state we call home."

This is by no means the first time that comments have been made claiming homosexuality is equivalent to paedophilia.

In April this year, a food store in Oregon was boycotted after its owner claimed to fear that same-sex marriage would lead to the acceptance of paedophilia and bigamy.

In May, the UK government criticised the former chairman of the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference (HMC) for linking school LGBT groups to paedophilia.

Last year, gay teens in Russia were tortured and publically outed online by neo-Nazis claiming to be an anti-paedophilia group.

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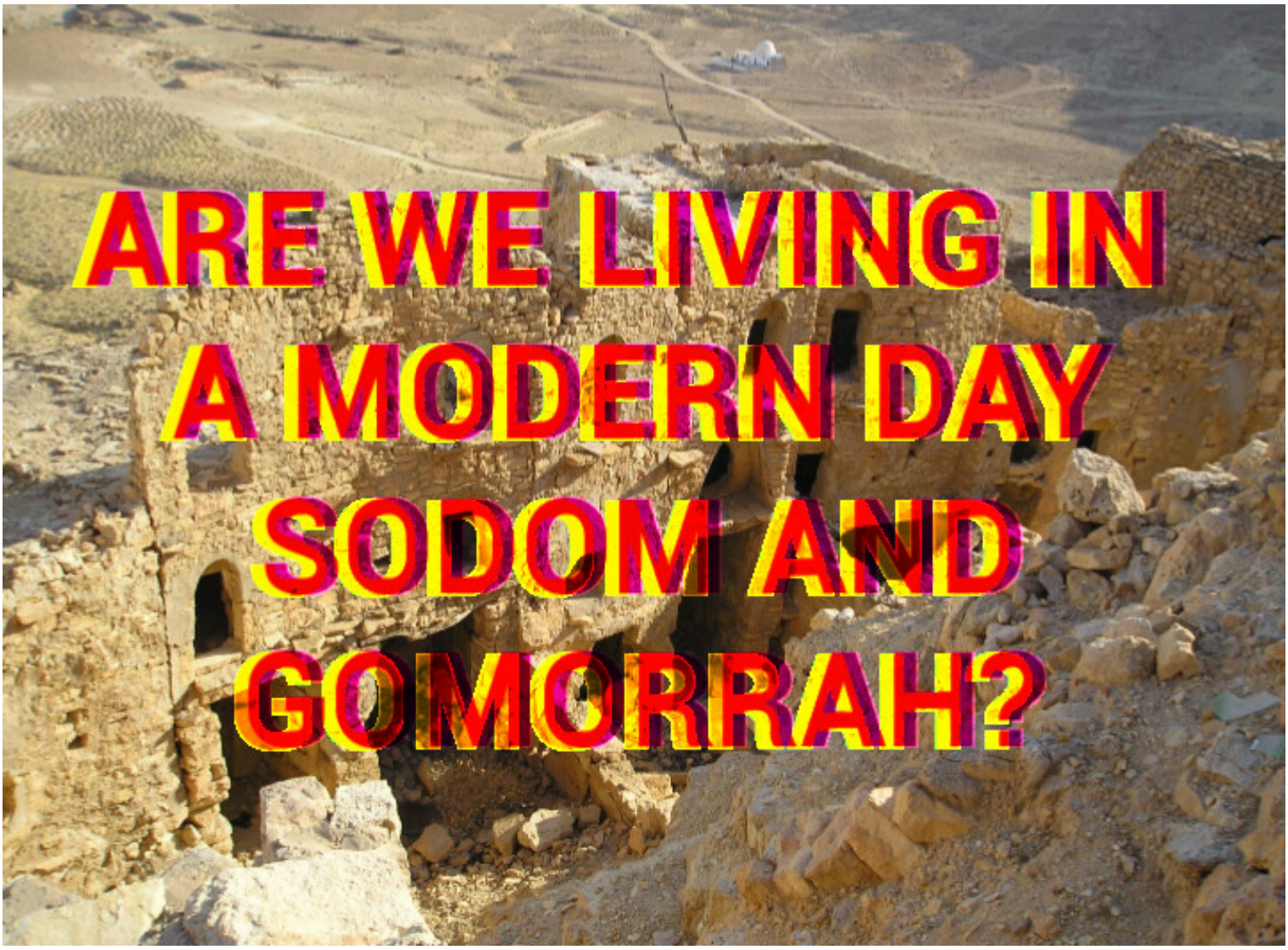

NATIONAL EFFORT IS UNDER WAY TO LOWER AGE OF CONSENT FOR SEX DOWN TO 8 YEARS OF AGE! MORAL COLLAPSE CONTINUES, LURCHING TOWARD SODOM

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Subtitle: Efforts of groups like NAMBLA {North American Man Boy Love Association} and the Irish Travelers are seemingly being coordinated with unseen forces on Capitol Hill to force the consensual sex age down to as low as 8 years old. The current flap over Teen Model Sites is likely the Six Step Attitudinal Change Plan at work.

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LURCHING TOWARDS THE SOCIETY OF SODOM AND GOMORRAH

As any observant student of Western Society knows from watching the news these past two decades, Sodom and Gomorrah are rising from the ashes. Sexual standards are being obliterated across the board, both in heterosexual and homosexual circles. Most people think of Sodom and Gomorrah as being guilty only of homosexual sin, but that is clearly not the case. Since Sodom glorified sex, boy to man, you can bet it encouraged sex, girl to man. In fact, listen to the Holman Bible Dictionary as it describes the full list of sins for which God destroyed these two ancient cities. "The unnatural lusts of the men of Sodom (Gen. 19:4-8; Jude 7) have given us the modern term sodomy, but the city was guilty of a full spectrum of sins including pride, oppression of the poor, haughtiness, and 'abominable things' (Ezek. 16:49-50).
Did you get that insight? The Holman Bible Dictionary says that God destroyed the city because it was guilty of a "full spectrum of sins", that God considered "abominable things". As we carefully examine the Biblical account in Sodom as the Godly angels disguised as men went into Lot's house, you will see that the society of Sodom did not "protect" her children from sexual activity as carefully as our written laws now protect. Let us quickly review the pertinent Scripture for this insight.
Genesis 19:2-11. God's holy angels [who had taken the form of human men] sent to rescue Lot and his family before God destroyed the cities, spent the evening in Lot's house, where he fixed them dinner. In verse 4, we see quite a spectacle develop. The homosexual men of every part of the city, both young and old, surrounded the house to demand that the male guests in Lot's house come outside. Why did they want these disguised angels to come outside? So they could have sex with them. Now, wait a minute! The homosexual men outside Lot's house intended to have group sex with these 'men' in PUBLIC! In public! In America today, we still have laws that make it illegal for anyone to have sex outside, in public. Many, many public rest stops along our highways have been closed because homosexual men were meeting there and having sex there. We have laws that would have made these men of Sodom fearful of having sex IN PUBLIC.
Therefore, because these men showed no fear of being arrested, we can only conclude that, prior to this event, the laws of Sodom had to have been changed, allowing public sex, laws which bestowed a mantle of societal approval upon public sex!! However, notice that the "young men" of Sodom were among those surrounding Lot's house demanding public sex with the Godly angels who had come in the form of men. Incredibly, the young men were desiring sex with the angels and of course, were expecting reciprocal sex from the angels.
Today, with our society still embracing Judeo-Christian morality, we call this type of sexual activity

with youngsters "pedophilia". The "Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary, Eighth Edition", defines 'pedophilia' thusly: "A fondness for children; unnatural desire for sexual relations with children." Who called sexual relations with children "unnatural" and forbade it? God, speaking through His Holy Bible, forbade it. Therefore, this medical dictionary is reflecting the predominate Judeo-Christian values by its definition. Once you step outside Judeo-Christian values, this definition changes, just as it did in Sodom. Further, as we pointed out in NEWS1707 (https://www.cuttingedge.org/news/n1707.cfm) with the Irish Travelers, occultists do not recognize any dogmatic spiritual dogma, especially as it applies to sexual activity; they believe man is just an animal with sexual needs to be fulfilled, needs that can be fulfilled with anyone at any time, under any conditions. The goal of NAMBLA is to force a change in our laws regulating sexual activity to allow sex with children as young as 8 years of age!

Their motto is: "Sex before eight before it is too late".

We shall demonstrate that this motto seems to be secretly the force behind an ever-growing child pornography industry. Today, we shall focus on the emergence of teen and pre-teen model sites, and upon the influence these sites are having on fashion clothing being offered to our children. These web sites are pushing the envelope outward as to what is acceptable and what is unacceptable. As we review the backlash against these young girl soft-pornography sites, we shall see if the battle that is seen developing is an outworking of the Six Step Attitudinal Change Plan.

DEFINITION OF THE PROBLEM -- TEEN AND PRETEEN SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

NEWS BRIEF: "Girl Model Sites Crossing Line?" by Julia Scheeres, Wired News, July 23, 2001.

"Amber seems like a typical 11-year-old girl who loves horses and hates chores. Her website shows her hugging a stuffed white rabbit and playing dress-up.

But her site also contains photographs that are only available to dues-paying members. For $25 a month, 'Lil' Amber' fans can ogle pictures of the little girl coyly hiking up her miniskirt or posing in a bikini on a faux bearskin rug. For $50, they can purchase a video of Amber 'dancing and running around' in outfits that leave little to the imagination ... Watchdog groups say the sites smack of pornography, but Webe Web argues that the sites constitute a perfectly legal enterprise.

" 'This is definitely not kiddie porn in any form,' said Webe Web spokesman Evan Gordon. None of our sites have naked children'."

"Gordon said that the child modeling sites were inspired by a birthday party thrown for a friend's 9-year-old daughter. Pictures of the Spice Girls-themed party were posted on the Internet, and within a week they were getting 20,000 page views a day, he said. 'We decided to see if there was a market for this and there was,' Gordon said."

"The images on sites such as Lil' Amber fall into a murky legal area, said Parry Aftab, a lawyer and the director of Cyberangels, an Internet safety and education group. 'This is utterly and absolutely distasteful, and I think it would invoke child abuse, but it's probably not illegal,' said Aftab."

Rhetoric aside, this kind of coy posing most definitely appeals to a deviant sexual interest, probably

nearly wholly with men. As we quoted above, the medical definition of "pedophilia" is "fondness for children; unnatural desire for sexual relations with children". Obviously, when Amber hikes up her miniskirt, she is deliberately appealing to a pedophile, one who has an "unnatural desire for sexual relations with children". However, this was the situation in Sodom, was it not? Sex activity between men and young boys is obviously present from the Biblical account; if young boys were encouraged to have early sex, you know young girls were, also. Western Society today is lurching towards that reality, and these preteen web sites represent the "leading edge" of the forces tearing at the traditional Judeo-Christian moral fabric that has always protected the sexual innocence of our children.

Other people who examined "Lil' Amber" realized the deviant sexual interest being stimulated, and questioned whether it was being done deliberately. Listen as we go back to this Wired article, above.

"Meanwhile, controversial photographer Jock Sturges continues to sell photographs of nude children despite an FBI raid, pickets by angry mobs and a grand jury investigation. Sturges, reached by e-mail at a photo shoot in France, looked over the Webe Web sites and concluded that their purpose was less than innocent. 'Whatever any of these websites original intent might have been, it is pretty clear that they have been (put) up for an audience with pedophilic leanings', Sturges wrote."

When a photographer who has most definitely stepped into the world of stark pornography with children can recognize that these "softer" sites appeal to pedophiles, we should be able to clearly see the truth as to the ultimate goal of Amber's mother when she designed the site and took the picture poses she posted on the site.

How big is this problem? Are there just a few sites promoting preteen sexually arousing photos, or is it an avalanche? Listen again:

"The FBI, which declined to be interviewed for this story, is having a hard time keeping tabs on all the could-be child porn that is distributed over the Internet. The number of cases opened by the agency's Innocent Images National Initiative jumped 1,264 percent between 1996 and 2000, according to the FBI's website. Groups such as Cyberangels and Pedowatch have picked up the slack by enlisting thousands of volunteers across the globe to scan the Internet for lurid images of children."

In other words, this problem is so pervasive, it is literally exploding across the Internet. Our society has enough men with pedophile leanings that Internet sites devoted to this type of material are multiplying exponentially. Societal observers have long maintained that any society has "windows" that open into the inner soul of that society. Arts and Entertainment is one window, and fashion clothing is another. One Jewish Holocaust survivor, Dr. Wolf Wolfensberger, has written a book entitled, "The New Genocide of Afflicted and Handicapped People (https://www.cuttingedge.org/detail.cfm?ID=8)", in which he chronicles how "ordinary" German citizens could participate so voluntarily and so completely with Hitler's genocide. He concluded that, when symbols of death --

skulls, skeletons, scenes of Hell -- appear in the Arts and Entertainment section of a society's newspapers, you can be sure that members of that society are already killing its "devalued" citizens.

We contend that this Internet exploitation of preteen girls in sexually arousing poses falls into this "window of our soul" area. We can tell a lot about the kind of society we have become by examining these sites. Western Society is becoming more and more like Sodom with each passing day.

One of the very sad facts about many of these exploitative websites is that they were created by the mothers of the children on display! Listen to Amber's mother defend her actions.

"There's so much smut on the Internet, we're completely on the opposite end of that ... Let's just say that from her portion of the earnings, she could apply for medical school right now and not have to take out a loan ... If they enjoy looking at a kid baking cookies in a video and find that arousing, that's their own sickness, not ours."

Of course, this mother never tries to defend pictures of her daughter seductively hiking her miniskirt, but chooses to defend the more innocent pose of Amber baking cookies. The mother is clearly out to make a whole lot of money for herself and her daughter, and quite possibly, to live a life through Amber that possibly gives her a sexual excitement.

Some pertinent facts speak for themselves, as we see by going back to the Wired article once more:

"But while Webe Web and Jessi's mother say they don't know what their demographic is, a quick peek at the girls' virtual fan clubs make it quite clear: men with nicknames such as 'Cum ta Poppa'. At one of Amber's fan clubs, 'humberthaze' writes: 'We only get glimpses of her potential when she does a bit of 'bump and g,' but then she quickly relapses into something awkward and childish. Sometimes you can hear the photog get excited when he gives us what we/he want(s). She'll do a little killer wiggle and we hear him say quickly, 'What was that?' or 'Do that again!!!'"

The article continues:

"The Webe Web sites are also featured on several adult search engines and pedophile links. Jessi's mother said she was "amazed" to learn that her daughter's website was linked on Fresh Petals, a forum dedicated to people attracted to prepubescent girls."

There can be no doubt that these type of web sites are designed to appeal to pedophile men.

Child Super Model On Display

Let us now examine of the web sites in question, the "Child Super Model" site, at: http://www.childsupermodels.com/images/index_12.jpg (http://www.childsupermodels.com/images/index_12.jpg)

If you are a man, and the least bit attracted by young girls, we encourage you to skip this section; however, if you do not fall into this category and wish to see for yourselves the kind of soft kiddie pornography afflicting America today, we offer this site to you for your understanding.

Two things hit me extremely hard when the Home Page of this site popped on my screen:

1. How much like Jon Benet Ramsay the little girl in the middle looked. Remember this fact for the latter part of this article;
2. The ages of the girls being featured on this site took me aback: "A web site to promote models 7 thru 16 and their photographers" appears directly below the banner picture of the three girls.
As I scanned the pictures of the 27 girls featured, I realized that the pictures focussed in on the areas of the female body so ardently desired and displayed by adult pornography. These pictures do not look like little girls "baking cookies"! Not wanting to join any of the sites, I could only peruse the pictures on the page behind the Home Page, but it was clear to me that the purpose of these sites is to appeal to men whose sexual interest runs defiantly toward preteen girls.
One other thing I noticed is that the links offered on this Home Page redefined "teen" down to 12 years of age. A lot of people and institutions within our society these days are redefining key words. For example, Abortion Rights people have redefined "baby" to "fetus", or "tissue mass". Murder of adults who are sick or disabled has been redefined to "euthanasia" or "dying with dignity". Communists are the proven masters of redefinition, as they disguised the true nature of their Satanic system for several decades, actually convincing millions of gullible people the world over that their system was inherently and morally superior to nasty old Capitalism; only after World War II did people see the murdered millions of Stalin and the murdered victims of China. Hitler redefined terms so deftly he actually convinced Germans that Jews were vermin, less than human, and worthy of death.
Now we are in the process of redefining the word "teen"; given the international undercurrents to bring the age of consensual sex down to the age of 8, you can only assume this particular redefinition is the opening salvo in this battle.
DEFINITION OF THE PROBLEM -- PRETEEN AND TEEN FASHION CLOTHES APPEALING TO PRURIENT INTERESTS
If these "preteen" web sites are just an isolated problem, then we should not expect to discover this kind of sexualization of young girls showing up anywhere else in society; however, if these web sites reflect changes already occurring in our society, then we should expect to see other instances where young girls are being enticed to dress in a sexually provocative manner by their mothers! Do we see this kind of phenomenon occurring in our society today? You bet we do, and you will realize that this trend toward sexualizing our young children is far wider and deeper than you ever thought possible!
Let us now go to an article that appeared 1 1/2 years ago on a New Age site, Rense.com; these mothers are writing to Jeff Rense to express their outrage over the suggestive clothing they were finding in their favorite retail store. Listen:
NEWS BRIEF: "Clothing For Little Girls With Sexually-Connotative Lettering", 1-31-01, Rense.com
"I'm writing because I'm very concerned about a T-shirt in the girls department at Target. It starts at size 4/5, the size my three year old wears, and it says 'Hottie' in flaming letters. I've always felt their girls clothes were a little 'Hookerish', but sexual logos on preschool size clothing is way beyond

acceptable.

"This is a copy of a letter I sent Target customer service online: 'You currently carry a little girls' 'Xhiliration' T-shirt, sizes 4/5 to 12/14. The size four will fit my three year old daughter, but I would never let her wear it. It says 'Hottie' on the front in flaming letters. Is there a non-sexual connotation to the word 'Hottie' that I'm not aware of? Do YOU think it is appropriate attire for a three year old? Are your little girl clothes designed by PEDOPHILES?"

This outraged mother knew right well the connotation of this T-shirt designed for her 3-year-old daughter, and she knew exactly the kind of deviant interest such a T-shirt would excite. However, she left nothing to chance as her next statement reveals:

"Picture a group of children on the playground, being watched by a pedophile. He sees a preschooler in a T-shirt that says 'hottie' and thinks, 'there's the woman for me.' Is that socially responsible? What kind of message are you trying to send young girls? That from preschool on, worth is measured by how sexual you are? What are you coming out with next, pink newborn rompers that say 'Slut?' You also have junior girls' shirts that say 'Boy Craz'y."

In other words, this outraged mother was concerned that any young 3-year-old girl wearing such a T-shirt would become a target for a roving pedophile! We all cringe when we hear of an incident in which a girl was kidnapped, sexually assaulted, and possibly even murdered by a pedophile. How many mothers of these victims had a T-shirt like this on their daughter that day that caught the eye of the pedophile. Now, do not even think I am trying to "blame the victim", but this mother is right: pedophiles are attracted to victims in ways like this.

Buying Procedures At A Retailer Like Target

The very fact that this type of suggestive clothing is carried by a Target Store also speaks volumes to me, given my 27 years in Retail Management. I worked for a competitor to Target, and even entertained a few headhunter job inquiries to that chain. Target buyers of all fashion goods -- clothes, toys, sporting goods -- are required to pay attention to trends within society. These buyers will lose their jobs if they do not jump on a trend early, maximize sales and profits, and then get out before the trend dumps into the drain.

Clothes buyers at Target go to market overseas, undoubtedly to the Orient, but also possibly to South America and Europe. They will be wined, dined, and treated like royalty by their factories the entire time they are gone; however, early in the morning following a sumptuous dinner, these buyers will soberly and somberly face the factory representatives across the table with one goal on their mind: to determine how to maximize sales, profits, and inventory turn for the next selling cycle, usually one year away.

For Target Store buyers to carry this type of clothing means they would have had to be presented persuasive market data showing that significant numbers of mothers are buying this type of sexually connotative clothing for their daughters; at retail, when a person makes a purchase, that purchase is recorded as a demand for that product. Therefore, studies had to have been presented to Target

buyers that demonstrated this trend was very, very strong in specialty clothing retailing.
But the buyer is not the final one to make a decision on a particular line, or a particular product, for any individual selling season. All buyers report to a Merchandise Manager, who is mostly a "numbers cruncher"; in other words, he only cares about the final bottom line. He wants to sell as much product as he can at as much margin as he can, and finish the selling season with a minimum of left-over inventory. Merchandise Managers are hard-nosed businessmen who do not get emotionally caught up in a new product line like a buyer might. He has to be persuaded by empirical evidence alone that this type of product will sell well enough to contribute to Target's final sales and profitability.
Lastly, few people outside Retail Management can properly comprehend the sheer numbers of dollars required to bring in a line of product in all Target Stores nationwide. According to Target data, there are 1,104 Target stores in 47 states. If a line of sexually connotative T-shirts retails for $9.99, the cost is probably around $3.00 landed at their warehouse. Since most buyers buy clothing in assortments, we can assume they did here, also.
Let us assume that the T-shirt that said "Hottie" was part of an assortment of sexually connotative sayings. We can safely assume that such an assortment might contain 6 sayings in 6 different color combinations and 6 different sizes, for a total of 216 T-shirts per store, at $10 retail. The average store would thus possess $2160 of these T-shirts per store at retail value, and $648 at cost. Since there are 1,104 Target Stores nationwide, the company has just committed to buying 238,464 sexually connotative T-shirts, valued at $2,384,640 dollars at Retail, and costing $715,392!
With such a heavy commitment on just one assortment of clothes, hard-nosed Target executives would not commit their signature to a purchase order of sexually connotative T-Shirts unless they were completely persuaded by cold, hard empirical retail data that enough of a demand existed within their clientele that these 216 T-shirts would sell through at the the required level of 95%.
Therefore, just the fact you saw these sexually connotative T-shirts at Target means our society is strongly demanding this type of T-shirts aimed at 3-8 year-old girls, an age group in which the mother makes this type of buying decision. This "window on our soul" thus shows that many tens of thousands of mothers believe it is quite appropriate for their 3-8 year-old daughters to dress in sexually appealing fashion; therefore, why should we be surprised to learn that some of these mothers have decided to create and maintain web sites that show off their daughter's body in a sexual manner? This matter is not a small problem!
Let us return to this Rense.com article to see more instances of this sexually connotative clothing:
"Recently, a good friend and I took her 16 year old daughter to the local mall to shop. We were waiting for her daughter while she tried on clothes in a store that caters exclusively to teen girls (a nationwide chain). She came out of the dressing room and was wearing what we both thought was an adorable top, until she turned around ... across the front of her chest were numbers like you would see on a sports jersey. What numbers? 69."
We have gone a bit further down this path of sexually connotative clothing, haven't we? Now, a

specific type of sex act is emblazoned across the chest of a top aimed for 16-year-old daughters; in our society today, 16-year-old girls are under tremendous pressure to become sexually active. Clothing like this just continues the story the Mass Media has been telling teens for years, that out-of-wedlock sex is just fine.

A young male teen concurs about how revolting such clothing is, again quoting from the Rense.com article, above:

"I'm a 15 year old male and I think the clothes that girls wear today are disgusting. I see girls in the 9th and 10th grade wearing shirts that say "Playboy", and also with the number 69. I think the clothes that girls wear today are horrible and should not be allowed to be worn in school."

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THE PREDICABLE BACKLASH

As this type of change in the sexual mores of our culture begins to receive treatment from Mass Media, you would expect a backlash from those people who defend the status quo in our society; these people will express an outrage that such websites as described above could exist, and they would be expected to urge authorities to shut them down. Many authorities will act within existing law and shut down offensive sites, arresting the owners and sending them to court.

This type of backlash is occurring, and is the next subject we need to discuss.

NEWS BRIEF: "Young 'model' sites feel the heat: Porn, sexual exploitation charges leveled against 3 operators", July 11, 2002, MSNBC.

"Even as lawmakers attempt to craft legislation to clamp down on Internet sites featuring preteen and teen "models," authorities are using laws already on the books to prosecute operators of three such sites who allegedly possessed — and may have been selling — sexually explicit material featuring minors. All three cases involve operators of 'model' sites who crossed the legal line, either by possessing child pornography — a violation of federal law — or photos or videos showing underage girls in various states of undress that ran afoul of state laws against sexual exploitation of children, according to authorities. The cases appear to provide new ammunition to critics of the 'model' sites, which charge members a monthly fee to view photos of under-18 girls — including some as young as 8 or 9 — wearing revealing attire and striking suggestive poses. The majority of the sites do not feature nudity or overtly sexual material, but the cases currently in the courts indicate that some operators are happy to push the envelope."

In an effort to sidestep pornography laws forbidding minor girls being shown in sexually suggestive poses, these sites are themed as "Model" sites, or "Young Aspiring Model" sites. Certainly, the websites we covered in the above section were themed as "Model" sites, from girls who supposedly just want to be noticed by J.C. Penney, as a lawyer for one of the website maintained.

National legislators seem ready to get involved in this fight, to jump into the fray:

"Two members of Congress — Reps. Mark Foley, R-Fla., and Nick Lampson, D-Texas — have introduced legislation to crack down on the sites, which they say appeal to and are likely to encourage pedophiles. 'These Web sites ... don't sell products, they don't sell services — all they

serve are young children on a platter for America's most depraved,' Foley said in March in announcing the legislation, which an aide said would likely have its first hearing in September."
In NEWS1707 (https://www.cuttingedge.org/news/n1707.cfm), we said that a person possessed of Satanic values would consider young children as sex objects, just "steaks on a plate". Representative Foley seems to be stating precisely the same sentiment.
This article then goes on to cite specific cases in which state law enforcement has come against people who are creating and maintaining this type of sexually explicit website. While the young girls are not nude, they are dressed in such a way, and they are posed in such a way, as to arouse the sexually deviant male who is clearly the target audience.
Since our Congress is getting involved, and since increasing numbers of state law authorities are moving against these exploiters, we Christians can relax, right? We can go on to worrying about other things, because this law enforcement activity will cause this movement to collapse. Right?
We know this will not be the case. In fact, we believe that this sudden surge of interest by law enforcement agencies might just be the catalyst by which this type of pornography is strengthened and enhanced far beyond what it is today, and certainly far beyond our wildest imaginations. How can this be? We think we might be witnessing the beginning salvos of the insidious Six Step Attitudinal Change Plan, a values-change plan that works gradually and invisibly in the hearts and minds of most people. People will suffer a radical change in their values and attitudes without even being aware that they have been carefully and skillfully manipulated.
SIX STEP ATTITUDINAL CHANGE PLAN IN ACTION?
First, let us list the 6 steps of this Attitudinal Change Plan:
Step 1. Some practice so offensive that it can scarcely be discussed in public is advocated by a RESPECTED expert in a RESPECTED forum.
Step 2. At first, the public is shocked, then outraged.
Step 3. But, the VERY FACT that such a thing could be publicly debated becomes the SUBJECT of the debate.
Step 4. In the process, sheer repetition of the shocking subject under discussion gradually dulling its effect.
Step 5. People then are no longer shocked by the subject.
Step 6. No longer outraged, people begin to argue for positions to moderate the extreme; or, they accept the premise, challenging, instead, the means to ACHIEVE it.
Step 1 -- Clearly, we are in Step 1 of this plan. What is the " practice so offensive that it can scarcely be discussed in public"? Why, this offensive practice is the sexual exploitation of children as young as 6 years of age in ways that appeal specifically to deviant adult men. Under the principles of Judeo-Christianity, this type of sexual behavior is absolutely, completely forbidden. But, in a society dominated by Satanic values, any girl of any age can be considered as an appropriate sex partner for any man of any age. We cover this subject completely in NEWS1707 (https://www.cuttingedge.org/news/n1707.cfm).

In the litigation soon to be unfolding, numerous opportunities will present themselves for advocates of this change to be interviewed in the court system, especially on the witness stand; such advocates will be interviewed on TV, in the newspaper, and on the Internet. Such advocates are expected to state firmly and emphatically that there is nothing morally wrong with young girls to be depicted in such sexually suggestive poses. Many of these advocates will having titles and letters behind their names that will suggest to the naive that they are "RESPECTED" experts speaking from a "RESPECTED" forum.

Step 2: At first, the public is shocked, then outraged. News stories like these from MSNBC will abound as this fight unfolds. News media will fearlessly cover the subject, and will appear to be very even-handed in their treatment of both sides of the controversy. As you will see as we discuss the rest of the six steps, the Media does not care if the advocates of this radical change are out-debated by the defenders of the status quo! Therefore, news stories showing "even handed coverage" will abound.

Step 3 -- Suddenly, a subtle shift in focus is introduced into the public debate. It is impossible at this time to know what form this subtle change will take; however, the original core debate will shift focus away from the original outrage of the case and to a side issue of some sort. The Mass Media is likely to take this step because they have the power to frame the debate.

Step 4 -- This step is most important in changing people's minds and attitudes. In a subject this huge and this important, a tremendous amount of debate is needed. This debate will likely take many forms:

* Coverage of trials of those accused of operating these preteen pornography web sites
* Talking Heads on a Sunday Morning can be counted upon to talk the subject to death
* Newspaper and TV coverage
* Articles posted on various Internet web sites, from all sides of the issue

For this step to prove effective, debate and arguing and talking about the subject needs to be overwhelming. Once people get overwhelmed on a subject, they are the most easily manipulated, for they cease looking at the subject and turn to other things. While their attention is thus diverted, our politicians can pass the laws they want to pass, content in the knowledge that the majority of the public has tuned them out.

The target in Step 4 -- Sheer Repetition -- is the person whose mind is not firmly made up on the issue at hand before the debate began. Clearly, no one whose mind is firmly settled on the subject, and whose position is based upon an authority that does not change, will be influenced by this debate tactic. However, the one whose mind is not firmly made up can be subtly, and gradually, moved to the advocacy of the proposed radical change.

Every time the debate occurs, and every time a particular part of Mass Media covers the radical change being proposed, some undecided citizens will move closer to the side of the advocated change; for some reason, very few undecideds ever move to the position advocated by the defenders of the status quo. Therefore, the owners and managers of Mass Media know that they will

gain converts the more they stage a debate, or a documentary; they know they will gain some converts to their radical change position. Thus, they do not care if their side is outdebated by the defenders of the status quo.

This diabolical fact shows a little-known manner in which our sin nature works. In fact, I have long maintained that the Illuminati knows more about the workings of our minds and emotions than they should know; they know enough to use our inherent nature against us, which they clearly are doing in this situation.

Step 5 -- The public is no longer horrified by the controversial subject. After hearing and viewing this controversial subject of using preteen girls in sexually provocative situations, too many people will cease to be morally horrified. Once this position in a person's mind is reached, that person is then perfectly set up for the brilliant tactic contained within Step 6.

Step 6 -- No longer outraged, people begin to argue for positions to moderate the extreme; or, they accept the premise, challenging, instead, the means to ACHIEVE it. Here is how this insidious step works; let us use a past case as an example. In the Abortion debate prior to Roe vs Wade, the advocates of abortion wanted it legal for anyone, at any time in the pregnancy, and for any reason. Defenders of the Status Quo wanted Abortion to be criminalized for anyone, at any time in the pregnancy, for any reason.

After years of debate, someone brilliantly stepped forward with a "reasonable" compromise; they proposed that Abortion be legalized according to very strict and very narrow guidelines. They proposed that Abortion be legal only in cases of pregnancy caused by Incest or Rape, or in order to save the life of the mother. Defenders of the Status Quo naively believed they had won a moral victory, because they believed their compromise had prevented a wider use of Abortion.

However, the advocates of radical Abortion secretly exulted, for they knew they had won a delayed victory. They knew that, once the door forbidding the horrific matter is unbolted and opened just a tiny crack, they could rather easily force it more and more open, until finally, that door is completely open, allowing the radical change position full operation.

Shortly after most states adopted this "narrow compromise" on Abortion, the Supreme Court kicked the door open with their infamous Roe Vs Wade decision. Since then, abortion advocates have kept the pressure on to the point where some babies born live are killed by a "doctor" jamming a pair of scissors in its back brain so they can sell the brain tissue on the open market! This Nazi procedure is called "Partial Birth Abortion" and is still the law of the land.

In this instance, the compromise will come, it will be forced by the courts, and greater numbers of people will accept it year after year. Acceptance will be made easier because the subject matter is tantalizing to too many men, making it more easy to become widely accepted.

Steps 1 and 2 are currently ongoing with this preteen sexualization issue.

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A FINAL LOOK AT THE TRAVELERS

As we began discussing the "Super Model" website, I made the comment that the girl in the middle reminded me of Jon Benet Ramsey, the little girl killed in her home in Boulder, Colorado. Jon Benet's mother aggressively pushed her little girl to compete, and win, Beauty Pageants for these little girls. At this point, we have a direct tie-in with the national effort to get the age of consensual sex lowered by stages to the age of 8. Here, we see another tie-in with the Irish Travelers [Read NEWS1707 (https://www.cuttingedge.org/news/n1707.cfm) for full details on this group]. Listen:
NEWS BRIEF: ""Clothing For Little Girls With Sexually-Connotative Lettering", 1-31-01, Rense.com
[Already quoted in part above]
"Jon Benet Ramsey is a lone child whose death brought to the forefront of the American Psyche, that our children are often most endangered by the people who raise them. At the present time there is a body of lobbyists' in Washington, DC, whose agenda is to lower the age of teens for consensual sex to 16. This is not a new lobby. In fact, they claim to have a very wealthy constituency of over a million members. Most of them are really just pedophiles who have a motto of 'sex before eight, before it is too late'. Many of them are also members of a very suspect group of nomadic Americans who call themselves the 'Travelers'. This group has been gaining in notoriety in this country, because they have fallen under the heading of "newsworthy" by the mainstream media. But many of the characteristics and known behaviors of these people (male and female) remain hidden, vague and relatively unknown by the public at large."
Is it possible that the Irish Travelers have a direct Illuminati tie-in with other high-ranking groups secretly allied with the Illuminist plan to overthrow our current system of government so they can institute their New World Order, a.k.a, the Kingdom of Antichrist? We demonstrated just such a direct Illuminist link in NEWS1707 (https://www.cuttingedge.org/news/n1707.cfm), so we need to realize that we may be witnessing a gigantic occult coalition of forces designed to provide a synergistic effect so that the Judeo-Christian sexual values regarding children are totally abolished. This would explain the commonality of goals of NAMBLA and the Travelers. For centuries, adult Travelers men have been marrying girls under the age of 12. Now, is Western Society ready to accept this marriage of girls to adult men as a common fact of life? And, if adult men can marry girls under 12, why can't gay men marry young boys of the same age?
When you understand this reality, you will see that America is lurching toward the full gamut of Sodom's sexual sins. Societies based upon the occult will possess this attitude toward sex, even though they may try to keep it quiet. In fact, the smart thing to do is to disguise the sexual activity so the outsider will see it for something other than it really is. Right now, the Travelers seem to disguise the true activity through Beauty Pageants; tomorrow, they may not have to.
Our Western society is lurching toward the kind of society God destroyed in Sodom. And, this change is occurring at the same time as so many other Bible prophecies are occurring throughout the world. Satan is seemingly so very close to getting the kind of society he so desperately wants prior to the appearance of his Man of Sin, Antichrist.
Are you spiritually ready? Is your family? Are you adequately protecting your loved ones? This is the

reason for this ministry, to enable you to first understand the peril facing you, and then help you develop strategies to warn and protect your loved ones. Once you have been thoroughly trained, you can also use your knowledge as a means to open the door of discussion with an unsaved person. I have been able to use it many times, and have seen people come to Jesus Christ as a result. These perilous times are also a time when we can reach many souls for Jesus Christ, making an eternal difference.

If you have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, but have been very lukewarm in your spiritual walk with Him, you need to immediately ask Him for forgiveness and for renewal. He will instantly forgive you, and fill your heart with the joy of the Holy Spirit. Then, you need to begin a daily walk of prayer and personal Bible Study.

If you have never accepted Jesus Christ as Savior, but have come to realize His reality and the approaching End of the Age, and want to accept His FREE Gift of Eternal Life, you can also do so now, in the privacy of your home. Once you accept Him as Savior, you are spiritually Born Again, and are as assured of Heaven as if you were already there. Then, you can rest assured that the Kingdom of Antichrist will not touch you spiritually.

If you would like to become B
orn Again, turn to our
Salvation Page (https://www.cuttingedge.org/news/salvation.html)
now.

We hope you have been blessed by this ministry, which seeks to educate and warn people, so that they can see the coming New World Order -- Kingdom of Antichrist -- in their
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WE MUST REVOLT!
SCOTUS & Us:
The U.S. Supreme Court's Rulings On
"Sex Offenders" & Child Pornography,
1982 to Present by Eric Tazelaar
Accompanying this article is a table [click to download, can be opened in any spreadsheet program e.g. Excel or Open Officel showing each of thirty-three cases which have gone before the U.S. Supreme Court since 1982 having something to do with sex offenders or child pornography or, in several cases, children's access to pornography. In other words, sexual transgressions often involving kids.
The idea was to briefly describe each case, how the Court ruled and, from an individual liberties point of view, indicate whether the ruling was favorable or not as well as how each Justice voted individually. Further, each Justice was given an overall score derived from all the cases they participated in which was expressed as a tally of their favorable vs. unfavorable votes and then as an absolute score derived from those votes. Their political party affiliation is also noted as well as the President who appointed them.
Each case is linked to the wonderful SCOTUS site
OYEZ.org maintained by the Chicago-Kent School of Law where, thrillingly (if you're thrilled by such things) all of the oral arguments can be listened to as well.
I found this listening option to be fascinating and did listen to a number of them, gaining some

insights into courtroom strategies which I will, nevertheless, likely never put to profitable use.
By listening to the oral arguments, I learned that the attorney challenging the State of Alaska in Smith v. Doe (unsuccessfully) was out of his league and failed to fully and effectively argue that Alaska's registration scheme was, in reality, ex-post facto punishment. This is particularly tragic given that the Smith decision would facilitate wildly expansive regulations of "sex offenders" in every state thereafter.
One might expect that Republican Justices would score, on the whole, less favorably than Democratic Justices. While this is often true it is perhaps by less than one would have thought. Indeed, the outstanding performances of two past Republican Justices, now long sadly off of the scene, helped to skew the overall results to make the Republicans appear far less horrid than they have since become. Since they are now gone, and the Republicans who remain far less inclined towards justice, I expect the only glimmers of criminal justice liberality that might emerge from the Court to now come from the Democrats.
John Paul Stevens, a Republican appointed by President Gerald Ford, was the outstanding exception to the "Democrats are more liberal" rule and was hands-down the highest rated Justice of all, Democrat or Republican, in this evaluation. He wasn't perfect but, out of twenty-five cases, he scored favorably on all but five. Sadly, he retired some years ago and the Court hasn't been the same since.
The other, slightly less dazzling, Republican exception was David Souter who, nevertheless, did do quite well with thirteen favorable rulings out of a total of eighteen.
After Stevens, he scored the second highest of all of the Justices. Like Stevens, he has retired from the Court.
Contrast that with the other Republicans, such as Rehnquist and the (very) late Warren Burger or the retired Sandra Day O'Connor, who all scored at the bottom end of this scale. Scalia was slightly less miserable than the other three but pretty awful in his own right and disinclined to find very little which states might do to punish people that the federal branch should find objectionable.
All of those but O'Connor have now gone to their just rewards. O Connor, Rehnquist, and Scalia were Reagan appointees, a fact which should help me in my rejoinders to those who imagine Reagan to be one of the "greatest presidents" and so close to being libertarian that any difference almost doesn't matter.
His malign contributions to criminal justice, both in the
"War On Drugs" and in his SCOTUS appointments which helped to facilitate the massive buildup of the carceral state, are very apparent in retrospect.
Sotomayor and Kagan are still too new for us to really predict how they might do in future cases but Kagan's rulings are quite a bit better than Sotomayor's who is, nevertheless, slightly more likely than not to rule favorably.
Kagan is a bit of a pleasant surprise here (so far) as she was the Solicitor General who argued for the power of the U.S. to indefinitely lock-up federally convicted sex offenders after their term of

imprisonment had ended in Comstock v U.S. Of course, we can hope that she was simply doing her job and that her opinion may have shifted since 2010. Even so, in any reexamination of Comstock, she will likely recuse herself because of her earlier role.

It should be pointed out, however, that in Comstock the only justices to get that decision right were Thomas and Scalia! Everyone else, Ginsburg, Breyer, Sotomayor, Roberts, Alito and, yes, even Justice Stevens all ruled for ex-post facto incarceration which they justified as a "civil", i.e. not criminal, remedy. This is a case that should shake up any simplistic assumptions one might have of our Justices; Comstock was a major defeat for our cause.

Breyer and Ginsburg, as Democrats, have a much longer track record on the Supreme Court than do Sotomayor or Kagan and have the most favorable ratings after Stevens. Still, Ginsburg was quite uneven and cast some really horrible votes such as in Comstock, Carr or any of the child pornography cases.

She appears to have a real gift for her inability to discern ex-post facto punishment.

These scores of individual Justices are not weighted according to the perceived significance of the decisions even though some of these cases, such as Smith v. Doe and Connecticut v. Doe (more on those in a bit) were far more momentous in their effects than others. Instead, they are presented objectively and without further interpretation as simple up-or-down tallies.

Another very important case, to my mind is Hendricks v. Kansas which preceded Comstock in establishing the power of states to indefinitely lock up "sex offenders" in "civil commitment treatment centers" after completing their terms in prison. This set the scene for a new category of incarceration now implemented by twenty states as well as the federal government (for federal prisoners) in which those leaving prison, having served their entire terms, are re-incarcerated in "treatment facilities" that are, for all intents and purposes, indistinguishable from prison. With no end-dates to their sentences, and no real "sentences" at all but "civil commitments", this amounts to lifetime imprisonment for thousands of men and a handful of women.

The child porn cases of New York v. Ferber in 1982, Osborne v. Ohio in 1990, U.S. v. X-Citement Video in 1994 and Ashcroft v. ACLU in 2001 have shaped child pornography laws so that now virtually anything can be considered illegal today and frequently is. The effect has been to create a culture of pervasive self-censorship in which the exercise of expression is self-suppressed out of tremendous uncertainty for how the laws might regard their work.

"Sex offender registration laws... have been given unfettered freedom by a deferential judiciary. It has been a perfect storm of intersecting legislative action and judicial inaction that has produced ever-escalating registration burdens."

- Catherine Carpenter, Professor of Law, Southwestern Law School.1

The two really momentous SCOTUS decisions that have had the most crushing effect upon registered "sex offenders" both came in 2003 and were Smith v. Doe and Connecticut v. Doe.

In Smith v. Doe, the question before the Court was

"Does the Ex-Post Facto Clause of Article I, Section 10 prohibit the Alaska Sex Offender Registration Act's registration requirement as a retroactive punishment?" The Court's answer was "no." In fully accommodating Alaska, their opinion declared that the Registry was not punishment but a civil measure taken by society for its own protection. Its purpose, which some might see as punishment, was intended to regulate rather than to punish. Therefore, its implementation could not be viewed as ex-post facto punishment.

In Connecticut v. Doe, the question before the Court was "Does the Fourteenth Amendment's Due Process Clause require that persons convicted of sexual offenses subject to Connecticut's "Megan's Law" receive a hearing before the public disclosure of their registry?

Again, their answer was "no." They explained how the Registry was a civil measure to advance the laudable goal of public safety, not to act as retrospective punishment, so that one's appearance on the Registry, or any changes to further enhance public safety that might be made to the Registry in the future, did not require due process, including a current diagnostic finding of "dangerousness", beyond that which saw their subjects originally convicted, even if decades earlier. Registrants could have no expectation of privacy nor immunity from the effects of being on a public registry no matter how long before they had been prosecuted nor the number of years they had lived crime-free in the community.

Together, these two rulings gave a green light to the states to launch an avalanche of sex offender registration laws and myriad additional restrictions that now flow from them, such as the minimum distance requirements between a sex offender's home and local schools, playgrounds, parks, day care centers, etc.

These are the laws that caused a registered "sex offender" in Michigan to freeze to death because the local homeless shelters refused to take him in during some of the coldest weather in memory simply because they were "too close" to schools and parks. The laws of that state prevented them from providing him shelter that would have saved his life.

These are the laws which today compel a seriously ill Registrant in South Carolina to sleep in a tent in the frigid woods without his electrically-operated oxygen regeneration equipment and other medical devices essential to his health, because his house was found to be too close to a "nursery school" that, unbeknownst to him or his wife when they bought it, was being operated in a private home around the block. The registration authorities who had previously given their approval for their home's location at the time of its purchase later retracted it and threatened to arrest him if he did not move out.

These are the laws that created an online registry,

"Megan's Law" websites, which now operate in each of the fifty states as scarlet letters of vilification for all of the world to see and for some to use in preparation for committing violence against, and occasionally the murder of, Registrants.

These are the rulings which paved the way for the federal Adam Walsh Act as well as the brand new International Megan's Law (IML) which have deeply insinuated the U.S. government into the lives of

Registrants and have limited them to within very narrow boundaries of existence.
AWA has strictly limited the jobs that Registrants could perform and their movement from one state to the next while mandating the frequency and events which mandate their in-person appearance in police stations to avoid going to prison for a decade or more.
IML now takes those restrictions further by completely preventing their travel abroad through the imposition of an impassable barrier which amounts to internal banishment. A very high virtual wall now effectively encircles the entire country if you're a sex offender; not to keep Mexicans and Muslims out of the U.S., a front-and-center election promise now being fulfilled by President Trump, but to keep American citizens in.
Again, here's Catherine Carpenter:
"Two intertwined causes are responsible for the schemes constitutional downfall. The first is a legislative body eager to draft increasingly harsh registration and notification schemes to please an electorate that subsists on a steady diet of fear. When combined with the second cause, a Supreme Court that has yet to signal much-needed boundaries, the ensuing consequence is runaway legislation that is no longer rationally connected to its regulatory purpose.
Ultimately, this is a cautionary tale of legislation that has become unmoored from its constitutional grounding because of its punitive effect and excessive reach."
As of this writing, one seat remains vacant on the Supreme Court. Two of the Justices are now quite elderly; Ruth Bader Ginsburg is eighty-three and Anthony Kennedy, eighty. Stephen Breyer is not far behind at seventy-eight. So it is not at all inconceivable that Donald Trump, our new President, might find himself in the position of filling three or more Supreme Court vacancies.
Three of the relatively young remaining Justices, Chief Justice John Roberts, Clarence Thomas, and Samuel Alito, have shown little outward sign that they will loosen the grip of the Registry on people's lives. They belong, not to an earlier generation of Republican defenders of individual liberty like Justice Stevens, but to a generation imbued with the values of cultural conservatism and social purity that emerged in the era of Ronald Reagan.
The remaining two, Justice Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor, offer perhaps the most promise to any serious challenge to the Registry although any such hope must be tempered by the experience of past disappointment.
Generational death, both of ideas and of people, in America as a whole or in the rarefied atmosphere of the Supreme Court's inner sanctum, invariably brings striking cultural changes and can explain how Alabama sodomy laws, which punished adult men for having sex in their own homes, can be ruled constitutional in one decade and unconstitutional several decades later.
A very great irony is that the cascade of laws defining, punishing and regulating "sex offenders" for the entirety of their lives have expanded at the same time as the lives of gay citizens have become immeasurably freer. This is the grand bargain between liberalism and cultural conservatism which saw the ascendancy of the concept of the "consenting adult" utterly vanquish any measure of child and adolescent freedom, sexual or otherwise.

This is an irony which has not escaped the attention of a growing number of writers and public figures who are affirming what we have been saying for a very long time. I take some encouragement from these increasingly vocal expressions of discontent which have begun to emerge against the ceaseless expansion of the hysterical "sex offender" carceral state.

It will, most likely, be the courts which will provide us with any measure of relief from the terrible effects of decades of ill-considered and savage laws if any is to come to us. Our lawmakers have proven either too cowardly or too savage, themselves, to repeal any of them and the citizenry, it must be said, are too ignorant and bloodthirsty, mostly as a result of the failures of journalism, to demand any but ruthless changes in law.

Still, if defenders of liberty begin to publicly criticize those laws, as more are doing, and if registered sex offenders, themselves, along with their families, continue to grow in number (there are more than 800,000 Registrants in the U.S. today, many with families) and organize themselves, as they are now doing, and raise their voices in protest, then there might be some elected representatives bold and brave enough to respond to the Registry's profound and pervasive cruelty

Some legal scholars believe that International Megan's Law and, perhaps, the fundamental legitimacy of the Registry itself will be on the Court's agenda in the near future.

Several other, nearer-term, cases offer a real possibility that they might be proven right. One is the case of a registered "sex offender", Lester Gerard Packingham, who has argued that the First Amendment shields him from being blocked by North Carolina from social media websites that children utilize. The Supreme Court has granted certiorari in this case and it has received a great deal of support from a number of high-profile civil libertarians and attorneys.

Justice Kagan, in another case that offers a very tantalizing possibility for challenging the Registry, has rejected Michigan's request to put a hold on a lower court decision about the state's sex offender registry law while the state appeals. A federal appeals court ruled in August that Michigan unconstitutionally puts additional restrictions on sex offenders long after their convictions. This is very significant and may signal a shift in the Court's accommodation of ex-post facto as it concerns sex offenders and also for coming from Elena Kagan. Very encouraging, too, is that the challenger to Michigan is the Michigan ACLU. The ACLU, which should be the nation's greatest defender of criminal justice, has been largely silent on Registry issues and "sex offender" justice for many years. Perhaps that is now beginning to change.

If those with a "sex offense" conviction are to gain any relief from the terrible regime of total incapacitation, then it will be because others, not in their position, will come to recognize in their treatment the telltale signs of oppression and the potential for that oppression to extend into their own lives and the lives of people they know.

It may be that, in the extremes to which bad laws have been taken, lie the very seeds of their destruction. It is imperative that each of us do everything we can to bring these injustices to light.

Meanwhile, we await the confirmation of Neil Gorsuch for that empty seat on the Supreme Court nominated by, of all people, Donald Trump as we continue to find ourselves speculating,

ineffectually, upon the longevity of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a survivor, so far, of both colon and pancreatic cancer.

To turn a Churchillian phrase on its head: never have so many owed so little to so few while hoping for so much.

1"The Evolution of Unconstitutionality in Sex Offender Registration Laws," HASTINGS LAW JOURNAL [Vol.
63:1071
Catherine L. Carpenter and Amy E. Beverlin

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PIZZAGATE FOR DUMMIES

What's All The Fuss About?

Dedicated to all the children out there, who as you read this are locked away somewhere awaiting their next torture session, gang rape, or ritual sacrifice.

I offer this work as a service to them, that it might help raise awareness and someday put an end to the reign of satanism and pedophilia on this Earth.

As we enjoy our "normal" lives,
we must never forget this goes on everyday,
and we must not stop until we put an end to it
and bring the perpetrators to justice.

PIZZAGATE – WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS ABOUT?

This is a primer for people who know nothing about "Pizzagate," except perhaps that the mainstream media has said it's all a hoax:

You may have even [seen the owner of Comet Ping Pong Jeffrey Alefantis on Faux News] portraying the victim, after an angry out-of-work actor showed up with an AR-15 rifle at his restaurant and fired off a few rounds. The gunman had seen the Wikileaks material, including the Instagram screen grabs, and he said he "had to do something."

The man should have just gone in, bought a slice of pizza and had a look around. It's just another red flag that he may have been part of this incident to support the "fake news" narrative, so people wouldn't want to look at the actual evidence for fear of being labeled a "conspiracy theorist."

It all started when Wikileaks released emails from Hilliary's campaign manager John Podesta's gmail acct on Oct 7, 2016.
The e-mails were not hacked by "Russians," they were in fact leaked by people in the US intelligence community who had had enough of the Clintons and their corruption.
Watch Steve Pieczenik as he explains in more detail what really happened and why:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ov5kvWSz5LM
(4 min)

In addition, here's a radio interview with Wikileaks founder Julian Assange on Sean Hannity's radio show from Dec 15, 2016. Listen as he talks about his sources and says overtly that Russia was not involved. Notice the clip of James Clapper as he says the evidence linking Russia is weak at best:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YPgdARSYgGA
(26 min)

SO WHY ALL THE HYPE ABOUT RUSSIAN HACKING AND FAKE NEWS?

Because the biggest story in history just leaked out and people, especially young millennials, have taken the ball and run with it in true journalistic fashion.
What's the biggest story in history?
That there is an ENOURMOUS global child trafficking & pedophilia ring that is being run for the benefit of the political and business elite, and that law enforcement and the media are complicit in a cover up.

The cold dark fact is that there is a giant underworld of child abuse that is completely unknown to most people. It has been there for decades, perhaps centuries, and its scope goes far beyond party lines or national boundaries. And "Pizzagate" is just another opportunity to bring this scourge of our species out into the light to face justice, and to free all the children locked away somewhere as you read this. Obviously those who are behind all of this know they must not let it get out, and will say or do anything to prevent that from happening.

On December 8 the "Countering Disinformation and Propaganda Act" passed in the Senate, *quietly inserted inside the 2017 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) Conference Report.* Obama signed of the NDAA on Dec 23rd 2016, and *the Countering Disinformation and Propaganda Act* is now law and will be used to control the narratives & squelch the alt media.

The Washington ComPost

We Promoted The Lies That Took Us to Iraq

But We Think You Are So Dumb You Will Trust Us Anyway

Our Fake News Kills Millions

The Alternative Media Hurts No One

Any Media Exposing Our Lies Are Literally Nazis

We Will Demonize Our Opposition Until We Manufacture Your Consent to Our Agenda

JIMMY SAVILE, THE UK'S MOST NOTORIOUS HIGH PROFILE PEDOPHILE WAS KNIGHTED BY THE QUEEN.
HIS CRIMES WERE COVERED UP FOR YEARS BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE BBC - MARK THOMPSON.
THOMPSON IS NOW THE CEO OF THE NEW YORK TIMES, THE SAME MEDIA WHO CALL PIZZAGATE FAKE NEWS.
THIS IS NOT FAKE NEWS.
THESE ARE THE FACTS.
#PIZZAGATE

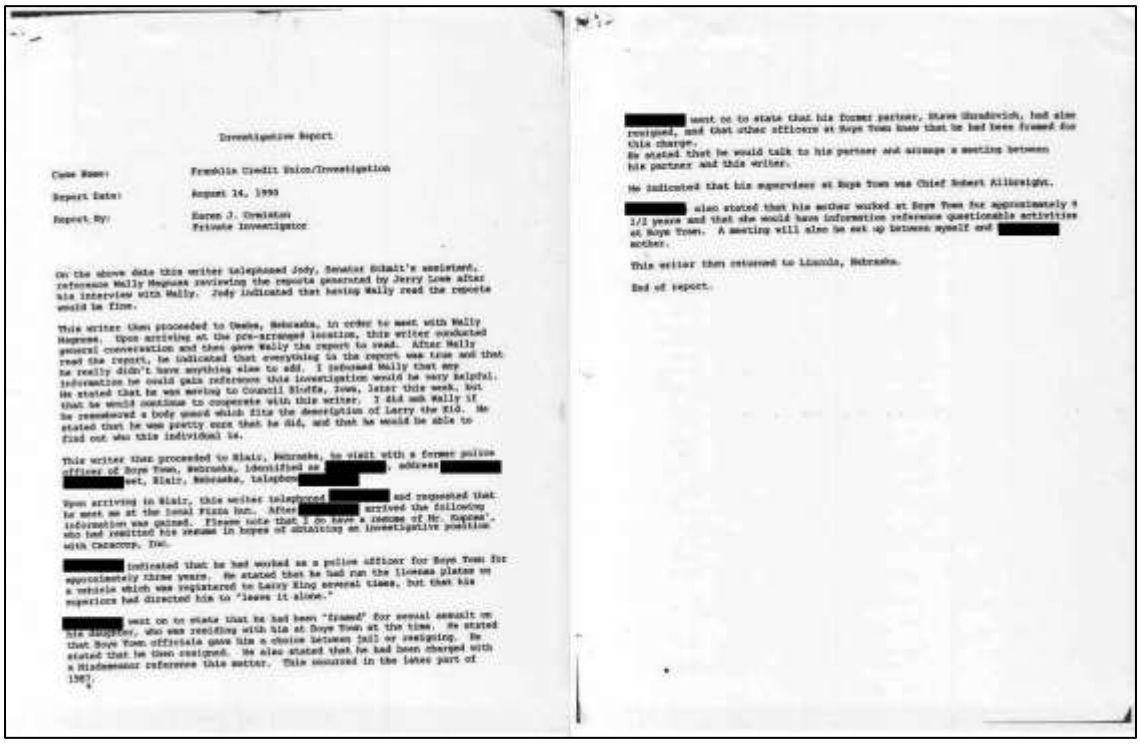
LET'S START WITH A LITTLE BACKGROUND ON THE SUBJECT

The first obvious clue to a huge organized pedophilia network surfaced in 1982 with the [disappearance of 12 year old Johnny Gosch] in Des Moines Iowa. Noreen Gosch, Johnny's mother, to this day has not given up on the search for her son and to find out what happened. http://www.johnnygosch.com/

DATELINE Cold Case
SPOTLIGHT
Johnny Gosch, 12 (in 1982)
1982: 12-years-old
2012: 42-years-old
Vanished while on his regular paper route the morning of September 5th, 1982 in Des Moines, Iowa.
Investigators have been unable to uncover any evidence to support a kidnapping case and have no suspects in his disappearance.
If you know anything, please call the Des Moines Police at (515) 283-4811

Noreen's story alone should have been a national headliner, but what happened to her and her son will really disturb you. Basically, not only did local & Federal law enforcement not help, ***they were actually in on it and covered it up.***
Here's a short news clip with her story, followed by a radio interview:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ym7x2hC0m1M&t=8685s
(you may have to restart video from the beginning)

Noreen Gosch hired Private Investigators for years after Johnny was abducted, here is one report that shows how police who tried to move forward with an investigation were punished harshly:



Investigative Report

Case Name: Franklin Credit Union/Investigation

Report Date: August 14, 1999

Report By: Karen J. Chrisman
Private Investigator

On the above date this writer telephoned Jody, Senator Schmit's assistant, reference Wally Hagness reviewing the reports generated by Jerry Lowe after his interview with Wally. Jody indicated that having Wally read the reports would be fine.

This writer then proceeded to Omaha, Nebraska, in order to meet with Wally Hagness. Upon arriving at the pre-arranged location, this writer conducted general conversation and then gave Wally the report to read. After Wally read the report, he indicated that everything in the report was true and that he really didn't have anything else to add. I informed Wally that any information he could gain reference this investigation would be very helpful. He stated that he was moving to Council Bluffs, Iowa, later this week, but that he would continue to cooperate with this writer. I did ask Wally if he remembered a body wound which fits the description of Larry the Kid. He stated that he was pretty sure that he did, and that he would be able to find out who this individual is.

This writer then proceeded to Blair, Nebraska, to visit with a former police officer of Boys Town, Nebraska, identified as [redacted], address [redacted] Blair, Nebraska, telephone [redacted].

Upon arriving in Blair, this writer telephoned [redacted] and requested that he meet me at the local Pizza Hut. After [redacted] arrived the following information was gained. Please note that I do have a resume of Mr. Kopcso', who had resulted his resume in hopes of obtaining an investigative position with Caracorp, Inc.

[redacted] indicated that he had worked as a police officer for Boys Town for approximately three years. He stated that he had run the license plates on a vehicle which was registered to Larry King several times, but that his supervisors had directed him to 'leave it alone.'

[redacted] went on to state that he had been "framed" for sexual assault on his daughter, who was residing with him at Boys Town at the time. He stated that Boys Town officials gave him a choice between jail or resigning. He stated that he then resigned. He also stated that he had been charged with a Misdemeanor reference this matter. This occurred in the latter part of 1987.

[redacted] went on to state that his former partner, Steve Skrabovich, had also resigned, and that other officers at Boys Town knew that he had been framed for this charge.
He stated that he would talk to his partner and arrange a meeting between his partner and this writer.
He indicated that his supervisor at Boys Town was Chief Robert Allbright.

[redacted] also stated that his mother worked at Boys Town for approximately 9 1/2 years and that she would have information reference questionable activities at Boys Town. A meeting will also be set up between myself and [redacted] mother.

This writer then returned to Lincoln, Nebraska.

End of report.

Ted Gunderson, retired head of the Los Angeles FBI office, helped Noreen Gosch with her case and speaks very highly of her. In this video he gives us the grim numbers as of about 2005:

- 4-5 million practicing satanists in the US
- 83 children abducted **every hour** in the US (= 1,992 per day, 727,000 per year)
- 50,000-60,000 people sacrificed each year in satanic rituals in the US (150/day)

Biography
Retired FBI Special-Agent-In-Charge Ted Gunderson has compiled boxes of research and has assembled numberous reports describing unimaginable "operations" of treachery, sadistic savagery, degradation, abuse, and murder inflicted by intelligence agents of the United States government against its own citizenry, especially children.
The kidnapping of children for purposes of prostitution, pornography, high tech weaponry experimental abuse, mind control, child slave labor for underground alien-controlled facilities, white sex slavery, and the satanic ritual murder of untold thousands of American children snatched from the streets and playgrounds of America by agents working for the CIA is the principle reason for the existence of a covert CIA operation called "The Finders". The Finders is one of the most alarming and despicable covert operations against America's children that Gunderson helped to uncover, but it's only one of many covert Gestapo-like acts committed against American citizens by government agents under directives issued not by Congress or the President, but rather by International Satanists collectively known as the Illuminati, who control the Secret or Shawdow government of the United States as well as every other major government in the world. The "Finders" operation began in the 1960's and continues kidnapping children to this very day.

Here is a one-hour speech Ted made before he was murdered for speaking out about this. He goes into great detail and it's well worth the small investment of time:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BplUD6kQYuU&list=PLMiamrKO3r0ROCE6yFzUlfyyq0lg_oBCi&index=7

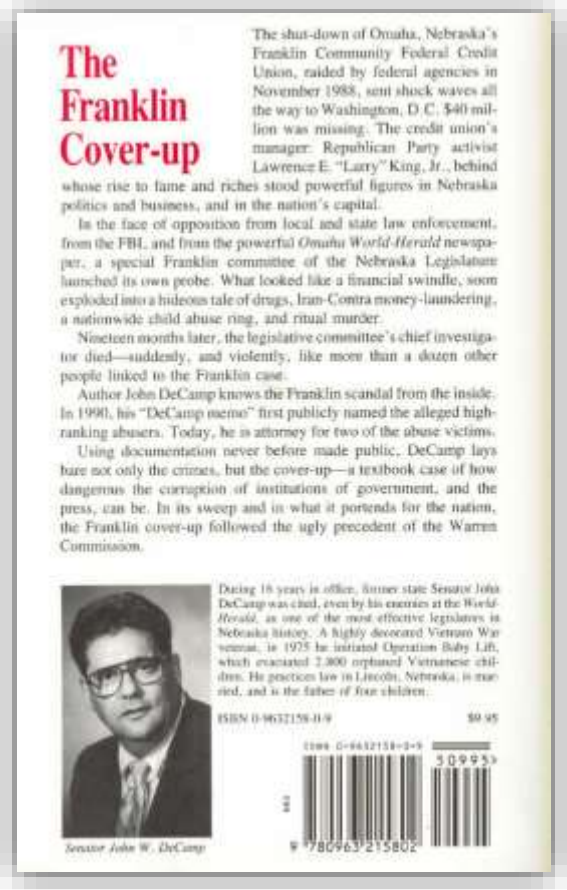
CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE

The Documentary "**Conspiracy of Silence**" was scheduled to air on May 3, 1994 on the Discovery Channel, but influential members of Congress pressured the cable industry to stop the airing and destroy all copies of it. Here is a copy, and trust me they DON'T want you to see this!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ggxiBWv4xYE
(55 min)

THE FRANKLIN COVER UP

In 1989 came the "Franklin Cover Up" scandal, former US Congressman John DeCamp exposed a network of pedophilia in Nebraska that went all the way to the White House:
https://www.amazon.com/Franklin-Cover-up-Satanism-Murder-Nebraska/dp/0963215809/ref=sr_1_1

Here's a 40-minute video on the Franklin Cover Up featuring Senator John DeCamp:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mXiKIlh3dqg&index=5&list=PLMiamrKO3r0S8bgELVBo-EdoYOj1wmPVr&t=6s



The Franklin Cover-up

The shut-down of Omaha, Nebraska's Franklin Community Federal Credit Union, raided by federal agencies in November 1988, sent shock waves all the way to Washington, D.C. $40 million was missing. The credit union's manager: Republican Party activist Lawrence E. "Larry" King, Jr., behind whose rise to fame and riches stood powerful figures in Nebraska politics and business, and in the nation's capital.

In the face of opposition from local and state law enforcement, from the FBI, and from the powerful *Omaha World-Herald* newspaper, a special Franklin committee of the Nebraska Legislature launched its own probe. What looked like a financial swindle, soon exploded into a hideous tale of drugs, Iran-Contra money-laundering, a nationwide child abuse ring, and ritual murder.

Nineteen months later, the legislative committee's chief investigator died—suddenly, and violently, like more than a dozen other people linked to the Franklin case.

Author John DeCamp knows the Franklin scandal from the inside. In 1990, his "DeCamp memo" first publicly named the alleged high-ranking abusers. Today, he is attorney for two of the abuse victims.

Using documentation never before made public, DeCamp lays bare not only the crimes, but the cover-up—a textbook case of how dangerous the corruption of institutions of government, and the press, can be. In its sweep and in what it portends for the nation, the Franklin cover-up followed the ugly precedent of the Warren Commission.

Senator John W. DeCamp

During 16 years in office, former state Senator John DeCamp was cited, even by his enemies at the *World-Herald*, as one of the most effective legislators in Nebraska history. A highly decorated Vietnam War veteran, in 1975 he initiated Operation Baby Lift, which evacuated 2,800 orphaned Vietnamese children. He practices law in Lincoln, Nebraska, is married, and is the father of four children.

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The Washington Times

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1989

Homosexual prostitution inquiry ensnares VIPs with Reagan, Bush

'Call boys' took midnight tour of White House

CATHOLIC CHURCH PEDOPHILIA EPIDEMIC
Remember the massive cover-up of pedophilia
by the Catholic Church,
without any significant remorse,
recourse for the victims, or reform?

As Robin Williams so eloquently said,
"Child abuse is not just a sin, it's a felony!"

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catholic_Church_sexual_abuse_cases

RECESSION BUSINESS THIS WEEK

Church 'routinely covered up' child sexual abuse for 30 years

Report says priority of diocese was institution, not children

INSIDE

The Dublin Archdiocese's preoccupations in dealing with cases of child sexual abuse, at least until the mid 1990s, were the maintenance of secrecy, the avoidance of scandal, the protection of the reputation of the church, and the preservation of assets

JIMMY SAVILE

And who could forget the Jimmy Savile case, where a BBC star with direct ties to the Crown raped a child an average of once a week for over 40 years. His "problem" was well known by the BBC staff, and no one gets that close to the "Royal Family" without *intense* scrutiny.
Savile even raped dead bodies & terminally ill children dying in the hospital. He was knighted though, maybe for getting away with it for so long:

MORE PEDOPHILES DICSOVERED IN BRITIAN

This story update was posted while I was writing this in December 2016.
If 3,500 people are suspects, the number of victims could be in the many tens of thousands:

"Britain's historical child sex scandal has hit record proportions with nearly 3,500 people now under investigation over claims of abuse. Children as young as 4 years old were abused"
https://www.rt.com/uk/371119-child-sex-scandal-football/

THERE'S A GIANT PEDOPHILIA SCANDAL UNFOLDING IN AUSTRALIA

An Internet pedophile ring with up to 70,000 members — thought to be the world's largest —has been uncovered by police, a security official said Wednesday.

Europol director Rob Wainwright said Wednesday the ring, which communicated using an Internet forum, was "probably the largest online pedophile network in the world."

Cori Bassett, a public affairs officer for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, said in an email that there had been five arrests and four convictions in the U.S. in connection with Operation Rescue.

"The website operated from a server based in the Netherlands and, at its height, boasted up to 70,000 members worldwide," it added.

"It attempted to operate as a 'discussion–only' forum where people could share their sexual interest in young boys without committing any specific offences, thus operating 'below the radar' of police attention," Europol said.

"Having made contact on the site, some members would move to more private channels, such as email, to exchange and share illegal images and films of children being abused. Computers seized from those arrested have harvested huge quantities of child abuse images and videos," it added.

http://www.nbcnews.com/id/42108748/ns/us_news-crime_and_courts/t/massive-online-pedophile-ring-busted-cops/#.WF7O91t6ZYI

"60 MINUTES" AUSTRALIA, ANOTHER OLDER HORRIFYING CASE

Check out this short story by 60 Minutes Australia about a young girl abused by her grandmother, her story is one of the worst I have ever heard.

The mother left the child with her father (whom she had divorced) as she was having personal issues at the time. The father left the girl with his mother, who let the girl be raped and witness to ritualistic torture and murder.
She was impregnated many times, they would abort the fetus and kill it in front of her.
One time they ate it in front of her and made her eat it too, while laughing at her:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sLgNm_ay4Sk&index=4&list=PLMiamrKO3r0S8bgELVBo-EdoYOj1wmPVr
(15 min)

PEDOPHILE RING DISCOVERED IN NORWAY CASE

http://www.foxnews.com/world/2016/11/20/lawyers-politicians-among-20-men-arrested-in-norwegian-pedophile-network-probe.html

Lawyers, politicians among 20 men arrested in Norwegian pedophile network probe

HELSINKI – Norwegian police are investigating a pedophile network suspected to involve at least 51 people, and which includes the abuse of infants and at least one case of a suspect acknowledging abusing his own children.

Police have arrested 20 men so far in western Norway, with three convictions, in Norway's largest abuse case to date, Deputy Police Chief Gunnar Floystad said. The 31 other suspects are from other regions in Norway.

Floystad told reporters Sunday that many of the suspects are highly educated, and include lawyers and politicians. He said he could not reveal more details pending the conclusion of the investigation, known as "Dark Room," which began in 2015.

Prosecutors said the perpetrators met on the dark web, using encryption and anonymity to hide their tracks.

HOLLYWOOD IS ALSO A CESSPOOL OF CHILD ABUSE

On May 23, 2016, Lord of the Rings lead actor Elijah Wood said Hollywood's biggest problem has always been pedophilia.

These allegations were covered in Variety, the top Hollywood magazine, among other sources such as the Sunday Times.

Here are a few excerpts from Variety, as they are highly relevant:

"The actor, in a new interview with the Sunday Times is accusing Tinseltown of having a pedophilia problem, saying "a lot of vipers" are preying on children in the business.

"Clearly something major was going on in Hollywood. It was all organized. There are a lot of vipers in this industry, people who only have their own interests in mind," he said.

"There is darkness in the underbelly… People with parasitic interests will see you as their prey…."

He added that he's been "led down dark paths to realize that these things probably are still happening."

Amy Berg's documentary "An Open Secret" revealed the full scope of the Hollywood pedophilia problem, and was completely squashed by the Establishment after its premiere. Watch it on Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4eeGX4SlF1s

It was only shown in nine theaters in Denver and Seattle starting on June 5th, 2015, and was quickly removed.

It eventually got distribution by cutting it from an R to a PG-13 rating, long after the "buzz" had worn off.

So With That Harsh and Well-Established Reality As The Backdrop,
Now Let's Take A Look At "Pizzagate"

WIKILEAKS RELEASES JOHN PODESTA'S E-MAILS

The Podesta emails went public as of October 7, 2016, and were devastating to the Clinton campaign for other reasons, at least initially.

As the Millennium Report pointed out, "John Podesta is not only the ultimate Democratic powerbroker, Beltway insider and powerful political fixer, his professional resume is both long and deep in the U.S. Federal Government.

"[Podesta] was Bill Clinton's White House Chief of Staff back in the 1990s, Barack Obama's Counselor to the President, and Chairman of Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign."

There is also tangible proof that the emails are legitimate as DKIM was used on the servers, and the public keys are valid. This was discussed rather thoroughly in the reddit thread before they closed it, although might be covered in the voat thread now.
To date Wikileaks has published over 10 million e-mails without a single fake.
And so far no one has officially contested the validity of the leaked emails.

FOOD-RELATED KEYWORDS USED TO SPEAK IN CODE

Out of 2,060 total emails in the first Podesta collection, there are 149 instances of "pizza", 73 of hot dog, 85 of cheese, 78 of pasta, 41 of sauce, 84 of ice cream and 47 of walnut.

The word "map," which can refer to a telltale clue that could destroy the entire crime ring if left behind, such as through DNA evidence, appears 917 times.

That's almost half of all the emails. These words often appear in very, very bizarre contexts that have nothing to do with food. That is one key element of Pizzagate.

The term "pizza" itself appears to be code for a sexual partner, particularly if it is a minor, and again appears 149 times.

Although "walnut" appears 47 times in very strange ways, the equally popular nut "cashew" doesn't appear even once. This is most likely because "walnut" is a code word and "cashew" is not.

An innocuous, non-code-word junk food like "French fries" only appears 13 times. "Milkshake" only appears six times.

"Vegetable" only appears 24 times. "Pear" only appears 25 times. "Grape" only appears six times. "Avocado" only appears four times. "Strawberry" only appears twice. None of these are code words.

UNDERSTAND THE CODE WORDS

Law enforcement authorities and online "Urban Dictionary" resources have identified the specific terms we just mentioned – pizza, cheese, sauce, pasta, et cetera – as code words for child sex trafficking.

Code words allow people engaging in illegal activities to have a cover story in the event that their communications are discovered.

A simple, much less serious example of code-speak would be a college student referring to a bag of weed as a "book", such as when talking on the phone or in an email about it.

People engaging in criminal activities have always been aware of surveillance, and use code terms to avoid getting caught, or at least reduce the risk.

A simple-sounding question like "Read any good books lately?" can lead to knowing laughter in cases like our hypothetical pot-smoking college students.

Here are the main words to watch for as we move forward:

"hotdog" = boy
"pizza" = girl
"cheese" = little girl
"pasta" = little boy
"ice cream" = male prostitute
"walnut" = person of color
"map" = semen
"sauce" = orgy

YOU CAN RESEARCH IT FOR YOURSELF

Pizza and other specific food terms appear in very suspicious, non-food-related ways in hundreds of different letters sent by Clinton's campaign manager John Podesta and others. (1 , 2 , 3)

Here are three notable examples:

> https://wikileaks.org/podesta-emails/emailid/19018
>
> *I consider ice cream, its purchase, and its consumption a rather serious business. We can't just willy-nilly toss it out and about in casual references, especially linked with the word "free".*

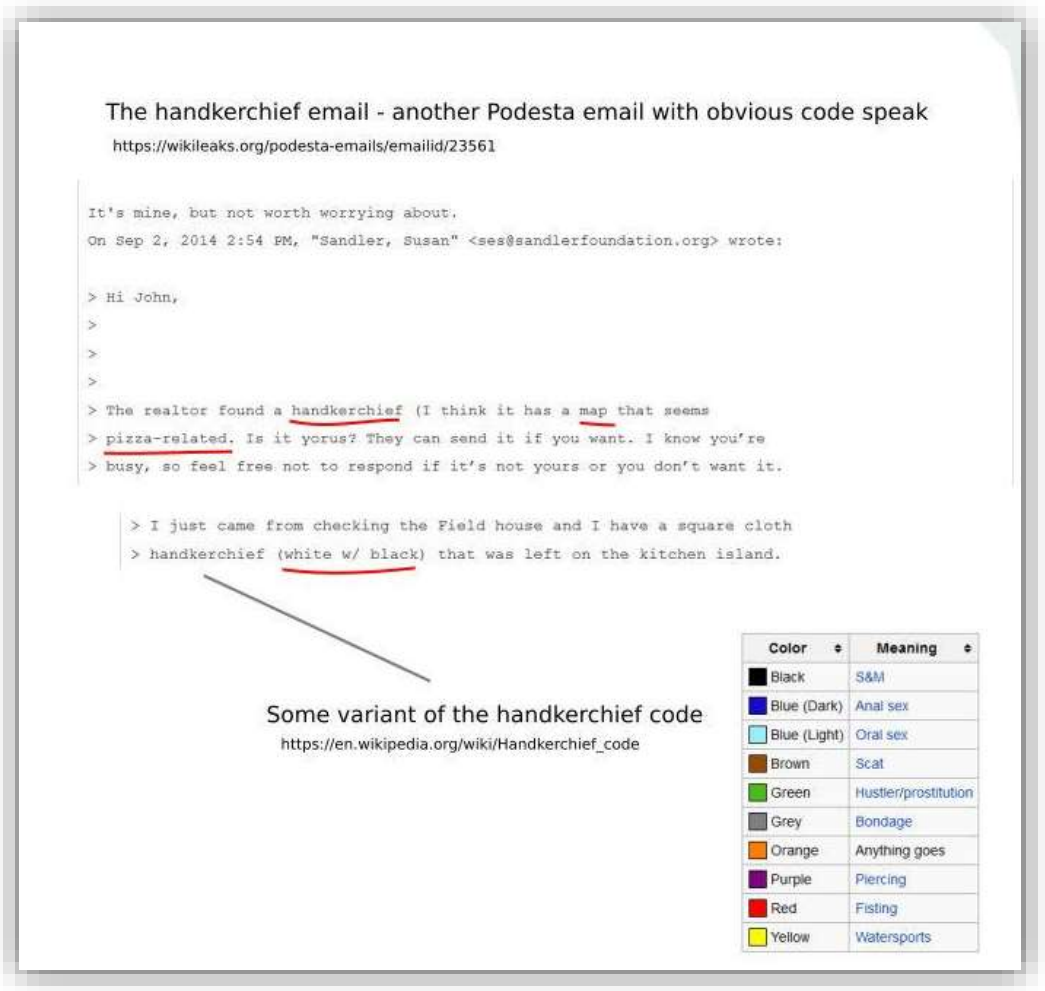
https://wikileaks.org/podesta-emails/emailid/30613

Lo and behold, instead of pasta and wonderful sauces, it was a lovely, tempting assortment of cheeses, Yummy. I am awaiting the return of my children and grandchildren from their holiday travels so that we can demolish them.

Ps. Do you think I'll do better playing dominos on cheese than on pasta?
(cheese is code for a little girl, pasta means little boy, not sure what "playing dominoes" is)

https://wikileaks.org/podesta-emails/emailid/32795

Hi John, The realtor found a handkerchief, I think it has a map that seems pizza-related. Is it yours?


The handkerchief email - another Podesta email with obvious code speak
https://wikileaks.org/podesta-emails/emailid/23561
It's mine, but not worth worrying about.
On Sep 2, 2014 2:54 PM, "Sandler, Susan" <ses@sandlerfoundation.org> wrote:
> Hi John,
> The realtor found a handkerchief (I think it has a map that seems
> pizza-related. Is it yorus? They can send it if you want. I know you're
> busy, so feel free not to respond if it's not yours or you don't want it.
> I just came from checking the Field house and I have a square cloth
> handkerchief (white w/ black) that was left on the kitchen island.
Some variant of the handkerchief code
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Handkerchief_code
Color
Meaning
Black
S&M
Blue (Dark)
Anal sex
Blue (Light)
Oral sex
Brown
Scat
Green
Hustler/prostitution
Grey
Bondage
Orange
Anything goes
Purple
Piercing
Red
Fisting
Yellow
Watersports

Handkerchiefs are apparently used to catch sexual fluids and are saved by the perpetrator as a memento. "Map" is a code word for semen. Trust me, people this rich don't care if they lost a hanky and they sure as heck don't eat this much pizza. More on the pizza part later…

SPIRIT COOKING

We also learned about "Spirit Cooking," a mock-satanic ritual involving blood, semen and breast milk. Children were in attendance, along with celebrities and other power brokers like the Podestas. Here's an e-mail of Marina Abramovic inviting the Podesta brothers to the ceremony: https://wikileaks.org/podesta-emails/emailid/15893

From: Marina Abramovic <marinaxabramovic@gmail.com<mailto:marinaxabramovic@gmail.com>>
Date: June 28, 2015 at 2:35:08 AM GMT+2
To: Tony Podesta <podesta@podesta.com<mailto:podesta@podesta.com>>
Subject: Dinner

Dear Tony,

I am so looking forward to the Spirit Cooking dinner at my place. Do you think you will be able to let me know if your brother is joining?

All my love, Marina

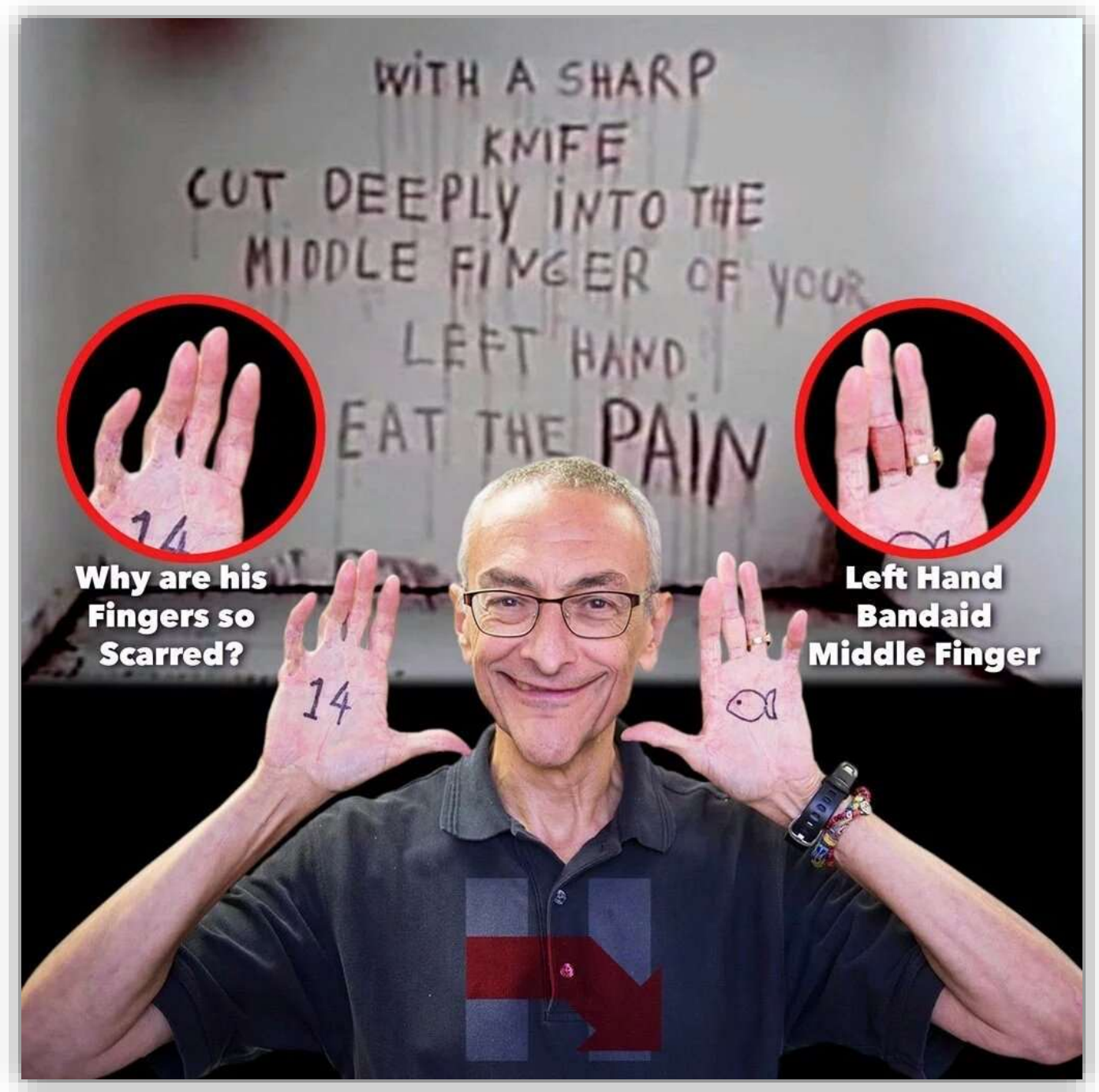
--
ABRAMOVIC LLC

So let's have a look at what a "Spirit Cooking" ceremony is really all about. Remember the reference "cut deeply into the middle finger of the left hand" as I will refer to it a bit later on.

**These photos are from a chart, the black lines connected various people and photos on the chart*

And here's a photo of John Podesta with occult markings on his hands. Notice the band-aid on his left-hand middle finger, consistent with the spirit cooking ritual mentioned earlier:

("cut deeply into the middle finger of the left hand and eat the pain")


WITH A SHARP KNIFE
CUT DEEPLY INTO THE MIDDLE FINGER OF YOUR LEFT HAND
EAT THE PAIN
Why are his Fingers so Scarred?
Left Hand Bandaid Middle Finger
14

Notice the freaky cannibal artwork hanging in John Podesta's office:

And John's brother Tony Podesta is very close friends with former Speaker of the House and convicted pedophile Dennis Hastert. Here's a cryptic e-mail from John to Tony about Dennis after he was caught, obviously in some sort of code:

https://wikileaks.org/podesta-emails/emailid/12865

From: John Podesta [mailto:john.podesta@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2015 3:28 AM

To: Tony Podesta

Subject: Fwd: HOW WONDERFUL Re: Hellow!

This traffic is really warm and really weird in light of Hastert. Boy that's sad.

Yes, it's always sad when a grown man is held accountable for raping kids…NOT! WTF?!?
And what sort of "traffic" is he referring to?!?

Now let's have a look at John's brother Tony Podesta, and then we'll move on to Comet Ping Pong and Jeffrey Alefantis.

Here's an interview with Tony Podesta where he speaks about Dennis Hastert, and that they are "still friends." Tony's not going to let a little thing like child rape come between old friends:

http://www.chicagomag.com/Chicago-Magazine/Felsenthal-Files/December-2013/How-the-Podesta-Brothers-Rose-From-the-39th-Ward-to-the-White-House/

And notice what is said in the article about his brother John and his temper, "*Politico*'s *Glenn Thrush says that your brother* ***(John Podesta) can have a "short fuse;" that he has "a sulfuric evil twin [named Skippy] so fearsome that even the brash Rahm Emanuel scrambled for cover."***

Next let's have a look at Tony's unusual taste in art. He purchased a 7,000 square foot home that underwent 3 years of renovations to accommodate all of his "art."

http://washingtonlife.com/2015/06/05/inside-homes-private-viewing/

"*Though he purchased the 7,000-square-foot residence in 2006, he was not able to move in until 2009 as it took nearly three years to finish the massive renovations he undertook"*

"He regularly opens his house to casual pizza parties co-hosted by his friend James Alefantis, the owner of Comet Ping Pong."

Notice how his flagship sculpture in the foyer of his home resembles Jeffrey Dahmer's handiwork, complete with the absence of a head. This sculpture is called "the arch of hysteria."

Jeffrey Dahmer loved to take Polaroids of his victims in strange poses after he had killed them. I suppose these were his trophies... in addition to the body parts he kept in the fridge. This person found himself to be quite the contortionist in death.
Practical Homicide Investigation by Vernon J. Geberth, CRC Press, 1996
TONY PODESTA'S INSPIRATION?

He is also quite is fond of the artwork of Biljana Djurdjevic… Would you hang these in your home?

And finally, the Podesta Brothers were apparently staying in Portugal at the time of Madeleine McCann's disappearance on May 3, 2007. They were staying at the residence of Sigmund Freud's grandson Sir Clement Freud, who is a known pedophile, and his home is just 1/3 mile from where Madeleine disappeared. Here's a police sketch of the suspects, alongside photos of the Podestas.

Sir Clement Freud was tied to Madeleine's disappearance, in fact he befriended the parents after the disappearance:
http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2016/06/14/freud-s-grandson-linked-to-madeleine-mccann-and-vip-pedophile-ring.html

And Scotland Yard says they know who took Madeleine but they cannot arrest them, because "*International Law will not allow them to be brought to justice*."
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z8c3f26M8-Q

So before we even get to Comet Ping Pong & James Alefantis, let's recap:

- A huge global pedophilia network has operated since at least 1980
- This pedophilia ring reaches to the very highest levels of church & state
- Previous investigation**s** have been silenced by federal & local law enforcement
- The Podesta e-mails are LOADED with obvious & known pedophilia code words
- The Podesta's enjoy attending satanic rituals like "Spirit Cooking"
- The Podesta's have bizarre taste in art associated with satanic rituals
- The Podesta brothers highly resemble suspects at a child abduction crime scene
- The Podesta's are connected and active at the HIGHEST levels of government
- Mainstream Media is obviously ignoring this epic scandal as much as possible

JAMES ALEFANTIS AND COMET PING PONG

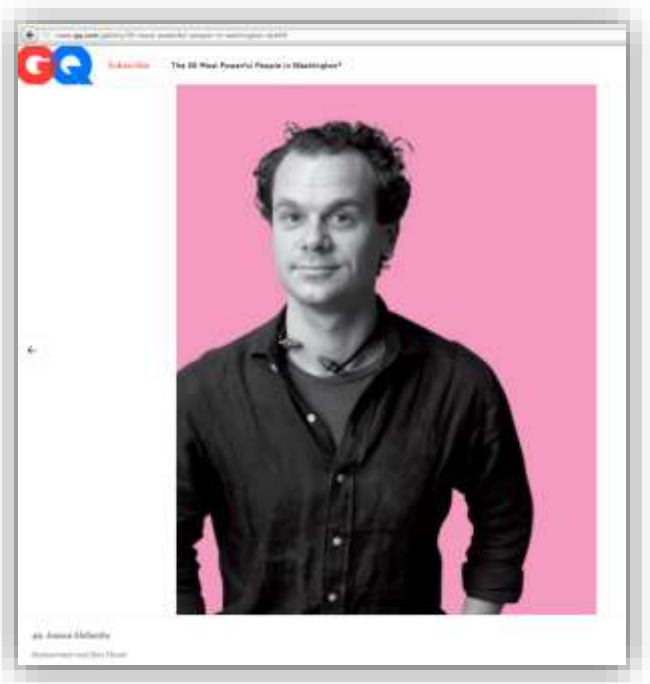
Let's have a look at James Alefantis, the owner of Comet Ping Pong pizza parlor in Washington DC:

For starters, James Alefantis appears to be a pseudonym cipher designed to resemble "J'aime les enfants," which means "I love children" in French.

He is also well connected with the Podestas & the Clinton Campaign:

Washington, D.C. 20008
Dear James:
Thank you for lending your time and extraordinary talent to participate in the "Cooking with Fratelli Podesta" fundraiser for my campaign for president hosted by Tony and John Podesta. I heard the evening was a smashing success, and am grateful to you for everything you did to make it possible.
I'm running for president because everyday Americans and their families need a champion, and I want to be that champion. I want to help all people fulfill their potential and not only get ahead, but stay ahead. I am energized by the support and good wishes I have received on the trail, and am looking forward to continuing the conversation about our future and to building an inclusive, nationwide grassroots campaign that will earn every vote to victory.
Thank you for standing with me in this fight, and please know that I am cheering you on for continued success. Onward!
With warm regards, I am
Sincerely yours,
Hillary Rodham Clinton
jimmycomet
Comet Ping Pong
Seguir
54 curtidas
55 sem
jimmycomet oh no, no Hillary - thank YOU for YOUR extraordinary talent! #extraordinarytalent #cookingforhillary @hillaryclinton
blankplusblank Hmm, Hilary Clinton? Doesn't ring a bell.
jasperrischen !!!
seriouslyitsbob I know you're extra happy about this
brynafrayda Rock star
Entrar para curtir ou comentar.

And GQ magazine named him one of the “50 most powerful people” in Washington DC:



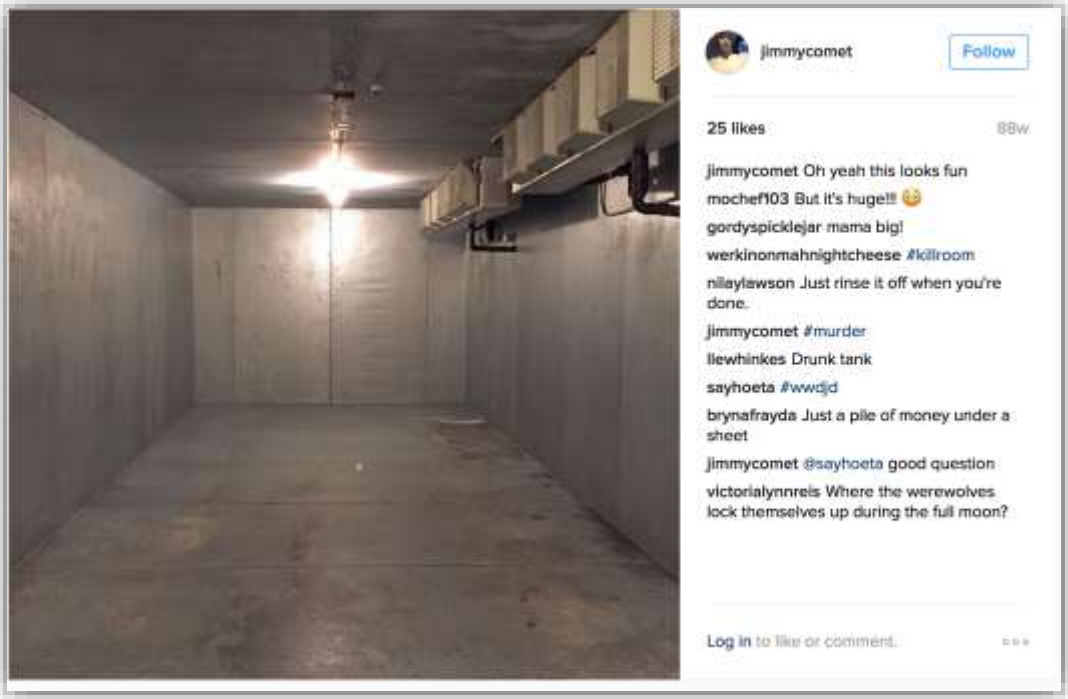
He owns Comet Ping Pong club, as well as Buck’s Fishing & Camping two doors down from Comet:

for more food and fun, check out our other restaurant...
BEER ★ WINE ★ SPIRITS
BUCK'S
Fishing & Camping
ICE CREAM ★ VEGETABLES
LOCAL FOOD, GLOBAL ASPIRATIONS

Now let's look at some of his leaked Instagram posts, notice the comments for some context:

Here he refers to this baby as a "*hotard*", short for whore + retard:

And who likes to share pictures of creepy torture rooms with the hashtag ***#murder***?!?


jimmycomet
Follow
25 likes
88w
jimmycomet Oh yeah this looks fun
mochef103 But it's huge!!!
gordyspicklejar mama big!
werkinonmahnightcheese #killroom
nilaylawson Just rinse it off when you're done.
jimmycomet #murder
llewhinkes Drunk tank
sayhoeta #wwdjd
brynafrayda Just a pile of money under a sheet
jimmycomet @sayhoeta good question
victorialynnreis Where the werewolves lock themselves up during the full moon?
Log in to like or comment.

"*Lock up mom*" & "*No extra food!"*

And he clearly knows “Spirit Cooker” Marina Abramovic, who by the way is apparently age 70:

Here’s a “handkerchief” of sorts, notice the strange embroidery and the note about “Moloch”

jimmycomet
Follow
26 likes
92w
jimmycomet Best time of the year - too many too perfect thank you presents from @alicelouisewaters
jimmycomet #handtowels #knives #toaster #beangrinder #idontiron #littlejapanesethings
Log in to like or comment.

“**Moloch”** is the Biblical name relating to a Canaanite god associated with child sacrifice.”
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moloch

Self-Explanatory:

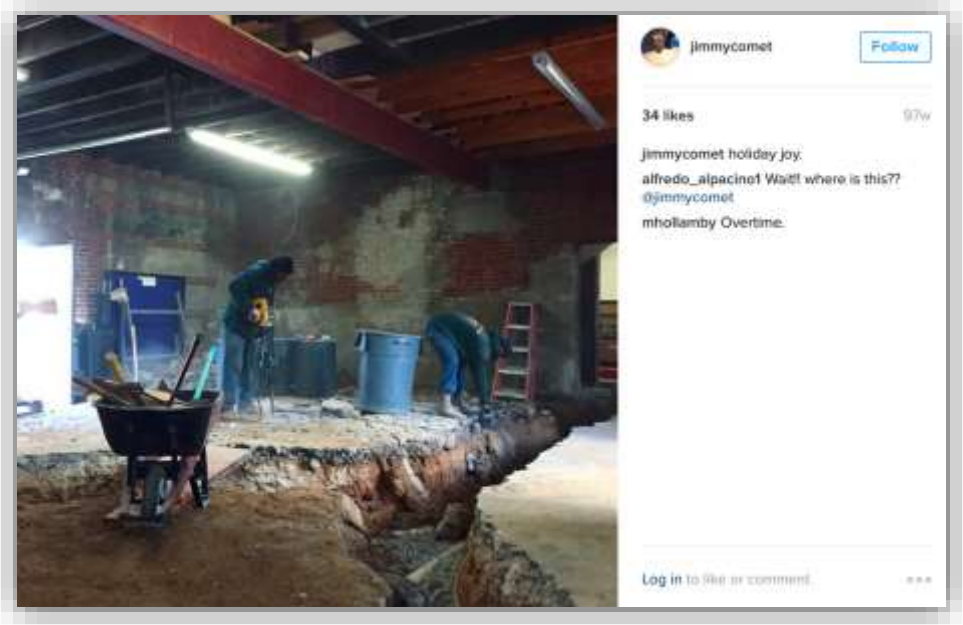
"*Ping pong in London sounds tempting*"??? Seems like an expensive game of Ping-pong and what's with the drugs?!? He was smart enough to turn the label so you can't see what the drug is…

jimmycomet
Folgen
swiftkickindaass, eyespeak, juliannebrienza, scottfazzini, ebradyrobinson und calebs.ark gefällt das
210Wo.
jimmycomet Ready for London.
scottfazzini So jealous.
jimmycomet So come meet
sputnikhed Ahhhh.....pills n' bills....
eyespeak Ping pong in London sounds tempting!
Melde dich an, um mit „Gefällt mir" zu markieren oder zu kommentieren.

These pictures got everyone thinking the trench is a tunnel used to move children around. Comet Ping Pong has no basement, however Buck's (owned by Alefantis and only two doors away) does have a basement. Also, "*Underpinning*" is a term used in tunnel making (see comments):

jimmycomet
Folgen
Gefällt 23 Mal
103We
jimmycomet Hmmmmm.....ok...hmmm.
ccwoolman #howmanyguysdoesittaketodig ahole
ralphindc Where is this hole?
jacoplen Needs underpinning.
werkinonmahnightcheese Burying a body?
jimmycomet @jacoplen no underpinning please!!
jimmycomet @ralphindc you show me yours
ralphindc @jimmycomet mine has been filled in for quite some time now.
room11dc Can we do a pop-up in there?
jimmycomet Please this hole needs a pop-up! Line up now. @room11dc
mfproper Teacher/student #lifelessons
k8damon oh wow is that #mattproper on a
Melde dich an, um mit „Gefällt mir" zu markieren oder zu kommentieren.

Notice the blue ping-pong table in the background of this photo on the left side:



Here's a more detailed analysis of the ping pong table and the basement at Buck's:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8RaTDUcxNe8&t=9s

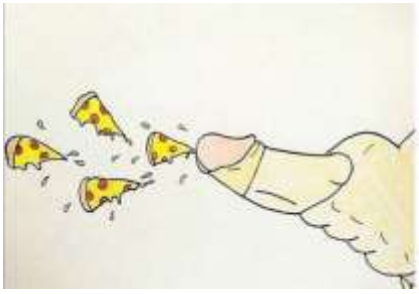
"Chicken Lovers" is a term that means "*An adult male homosexual sexually attracted to underage males. Used somewhat derogatorily."*

"*Why does Daddy like BUTT?"*

James Alefantis defended this photo on Fox News, saying the parents were there and they did this:

"*I Love Children*" and "*Who are these guys?*" "*You know*"

What you just saw above were all posts from James Alefantis. The first five posts below appear to be from employees as the posts say *Comet Ping Pong* on them, and the very last one (lower right) is not marked *Comet Ping Pong* from the sender but it does have a response by Alefantis:



Before we go inside Comet Ping Pong, lets take a look at this unclassified FBI document about pedophilia symbols. Remember that satanists and people into the occult are really into symbols:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN
Cyber Division, Innocent Images National Initiative

31 January 2007

(U) Symbols and Logos Used by Pedophiles to Identify Sexual Preferences

(U//FOUO) This intelligence bulletin addresses Crimes Against Children Standing Intelligence Requirements Set contained in Q-FBI-2200-005-06, HRWC CAC-VI.A.5.

(U//LES) Pedophiles, to include those who sexually abuse children as well as those who produce, distribute, and trade child pornography, are using various types of identification logos or symbols to recognize one another and distinguish their sexual preferences. To specifically indicate the pedophile's gender preference, members of pedophilic organizations encourage the use of descriptions such as "boylove", "girllove", and "childlove."[1] These symbols have been etched into rings and formed into pendants, and have also been found imprinted on coins.

(U) The BoyLover logo (BLogo) is a small blue spiral-shaped triangle surrounded by a larger triangle, whereby the small triangle represents a small boy and the larger triangle represents an adult man.[2] A variation of the BLogo is the Little Boy Lover logo (LBLogo), which also embodies a small spiral-shaped triangle within a larger triangle; however, the corners of the LBLogo are rounded to resemble a scribbling by a young child.[3] Images of the BLogo and LBLogo symbols are depicted below.

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(U) BLogo aka "Boy Lover"

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(U) LBLogo aka "Little Boy Lover"

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(U) BLogo imprinted on coins

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(U) BLogo jewelry

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(U) The GirlLover logo (GLogo) depicted below is a small heart surrounded by a larger heart, which symbolizes a relationship between an adult male or female and minor girl.

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(U) GLogo a.k.a. "Girl Lover," Childlove

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(U) GLogo Pendant

(U) The ChildLover logo (CLogo), as shown below, resembles a butterfly and represents non-preferential gender child abusers. The Childlove Online Media Activism Logo (CLOMAL), also represented below, is a general purpose logo used by individuals who use online media such as blogs and webcasts.[4]

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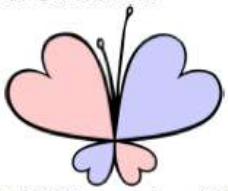

(U) CLogo a.k.a. "Child Lover"

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(U) CLOMAL a.k.a. Childlove Online Media Activism

(U//LES) FBI investigations in several cities have uncovered several symbols used by pedophiles to proclaim their attraction to children. After a seizure of a subject's computer in connection with an Innocent Images case in the Jacksonville Division, a Computer Analysis Response Team forensic examiner came across an unfamiliar symbol that was integrated into a Web site banner named "ATBOYS.COM, where the "A" in "ATBOYS" was actually the BoyLove symbol and written as follows: ATBOYS.com. It was further determined that "ATBOYS" is an acronym for Attracted To Boys.[5] These pedophilia symbols also appear on Web sites such as one of the banners advertised on www.boylover.net, shown below.[6]

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(U) Boylover.net banner

(U//LES) In another incident, FBI Sacramento was alerted by the California Department of Justice about an unusual marking on a coin. Research of the marking concluded that the BoyLover logo (BLogo) was imprinted on the front of the coin, and the phrase "Kids Love Pedos" was engraved on the back of the coin.[7] *(Coins depicting the BLogo are pictured on page one.)* The appearance of the BLogo on coins is another method used by pedophiles to announce their sexual preferences.

(U) Pedophilia symbols on jewelry, coins, Web sites and other effects are indicative of advertisement methods used by child sexual predators to promote their cause. Pedophile activists advocate for the social acceptance of sexual relationships between adults and children. These organizations seek to decriminalize sexual relationships between adults and children and to legalize child pornography based on their belief that children have the ability to consent to sexual acts.

(U//LES) Identical or similar jewelry and symbols as described in this intelligence bulletin should raise suspicion of possible pedophilia activity when found during searches. Investigators should also be attentive to pedophilia symbols advertised on Web sites. During examinations of computer files, investigators should be conscious of subjects who try to conceal child pornography by labeling them with symbols instead of the typical suggestive explicit names.

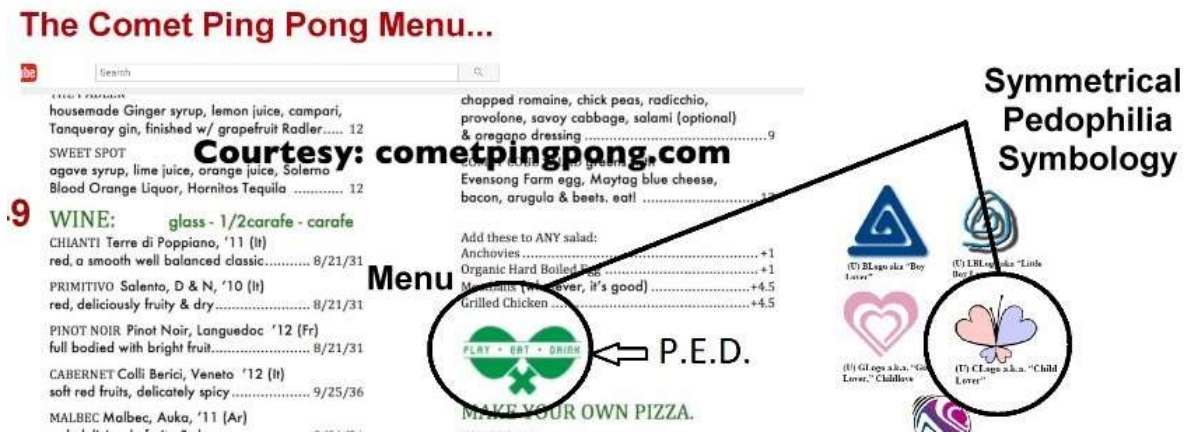
(U) This Intelligence Bulletin was prepared by the FBI's Cyber Division, Innocent Images Unit. Please address all comments or questions to the Innocent Images Unit at 301-586-1613.

Now let's check out Comet Ping Pong, one of the restaurants James Alefantis owns in Washington. We'll also take a look at some of the other businesses in the area as they all appear to be interconnected in some way.

Comet Ping Pong
Owned by Big Cheese LLC (James Alefantis)
Bucks Fishing & Camping
Also Owned by Big Cheese LLC (James Alefantis)
Besta Pizza
Boy love symbol in logo
Besta Pizza
Prose & Poetry Owned by HRC Speechwriter
Famous readers at its author events have included politicians such as Presidents Bill Clinton and Barack Obama, former Senator Edward Brooke
Beyond Borders
Charity focused on Haiti, funded by Clinton Foundation
Terasol - Another Pedophile symbol found on website, photo of HRC
http://www.terasolartisans.com/default.html
Connecticut Ave NW
Nebraska Ave NW
Comet Ping Pong
Besta Pizza
CVS Pharmacy
Sherwin-Williams Paint Store
Regal Custom Wet Cleaners
Politics & Prose Bookstore
Exxon
Connecticut Avenue Tiger Mart
Jake's American Grille
Beyond Borders
Banana Leaf
Terasol Bistro & Artisan Gallery
SunTrust Bank
BP
36th St NW
Fessenden St NW
Google

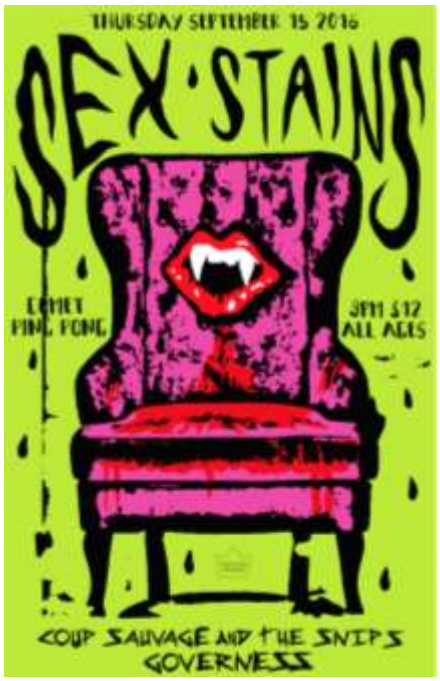
Our Neighborhood
We're lucky to have some great neighbors on our block. Next time you're paying a visit to our bookstore, we recommend getting a bite to eat or a drink at any of these local businesses. Click on the logos below to visit their websites and see menu options and hours.
Besta Pizza
BUCK'S
COMET
ping pong
Jake's
Banana Leaf
TERASOL

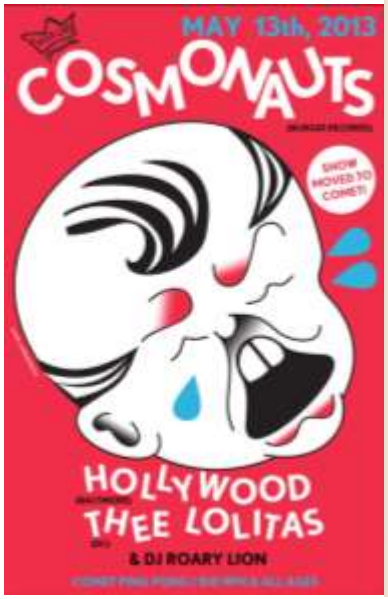
Here's the Comet menu, which has a logo of two ping-pong paddles on it that looks very similar to the FBI-identified logo for Child Lover. The wooden handles form a very clear Maltese/Templar cross, tilted sideways. There is also a subtle suggestion of a human face that has been blindfolded - the white strip over the two circular paddles - and gagged, as seen in the X. The "blindfold" over the paddles says, "Play. Eat. Drink." This may be an acronym for PED – i.e. a pedophile.

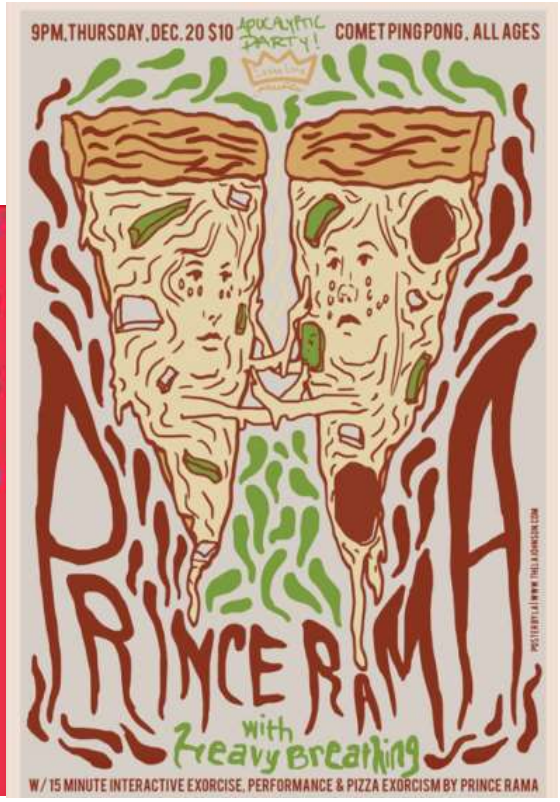

The Comet Ping Pong Menu...
Courtesy: cometpingpong.com
Symmetrical Pedophilia Symbology
Menu
P.E.D.
housemade Ginger syrup, lemon juice, campari, Tanqueray gin, finished w/ grapefruit Radler..... 12
SWEET SPOT
agave syrup, lime juice, orange juice, Solerno Blood Orange Liquor, Hornitos Tequila 12
WINE: glass - 1/2carafe - carafe
CHIANTI Terre di Poppiano, '11 (It)
red, a smooth well balanced classic..... 8/21/31
PRIMITIVO Salento, D & N, '10 (It)
red, deliciously fruity & dry..... 8/21/31
PINOT NOIR Pinot Noir, Languedoc '12 (Fr)
full bodied with bright fruit..... 8/21/31
CABERNET Colli Berici, Veneto '12 (It)
soft red fruits, delicately spicy..... 9/25/36
MALBEC Malbec, Auka, '11 (Ar)
chopped romaine, chick peas, radicchio, provolone, savoy cabbage, salami (optional) & oregano dressing 9
Evensong Farm egg, Maytag blue cheese, bacon, arugula & beets. eat! .....
Add these to ANY salad:
Anchovies .....+1
Organic Hard Boiled Egg .....+1
Grilled Chicken .....+4.5
PLAY • EAT • DRINK
MAKE YOUR OWN PIZZA.

Notice the corner symbols used in the exterior sign. The crescents and stars in the Comet logo are familiar to dark scholars, as they appear around images of Baphomet, the goat-horned god.
The corners also resemble the wings. Remember, satanists are obsessed with symbols:

Inside they have unusual “all ages” live entertainment in the evenings, check out some of the posters. The last one is billed as an “Exorcism,” note the two slices of pizza groping each other:






9PM, THURSDAY, DEC. 20 $10
APOCALYPTIC PARTY!
COMET PING PONG, ALL AGES
PRINCE RAMA
with Heavy Breathing
W/ 15 MINUTE INTERACTIVE EXORCISE, PERFORMANCE & PIZZA EXORCISM BY PRINCE RAMA

On the walls of the club, we see strange art and writing on the walls. Here's the "Recreation Room." Notice the painting behind the ping-pong players, shown close up on the right below.
It features beings holding the dismembered heads of smaller beings:

Here's another painting on the wall, with a man that appears to be ejaculating while playing ping pong with a smaller being. Also notice "Shut up n' fuck" written on the upper left. According to a recent interview with Alefantis these images have since been removed.

blueyjay
Comet Ping Pong
Follow
cometpingpong, erduoyou, souhayla_color, andykozel, tabletennischampion, gain.gram.fame and schwartzie34 like this
5w
blueyjay #pingpong
erinepetersen #soartsy #unclebutthead
blueyjay #wingsclothes
erinepetersen @blueyjay you are not a true beach tourist unless you shop at wings. #donthate
Log in to like or comment.

FINISH EATING YOUR PIZZA AFTER YOUR SESSION

Hackers on 4Chan claimed to have found a secret area of encrypted videos on the Comet Pizza website's server.

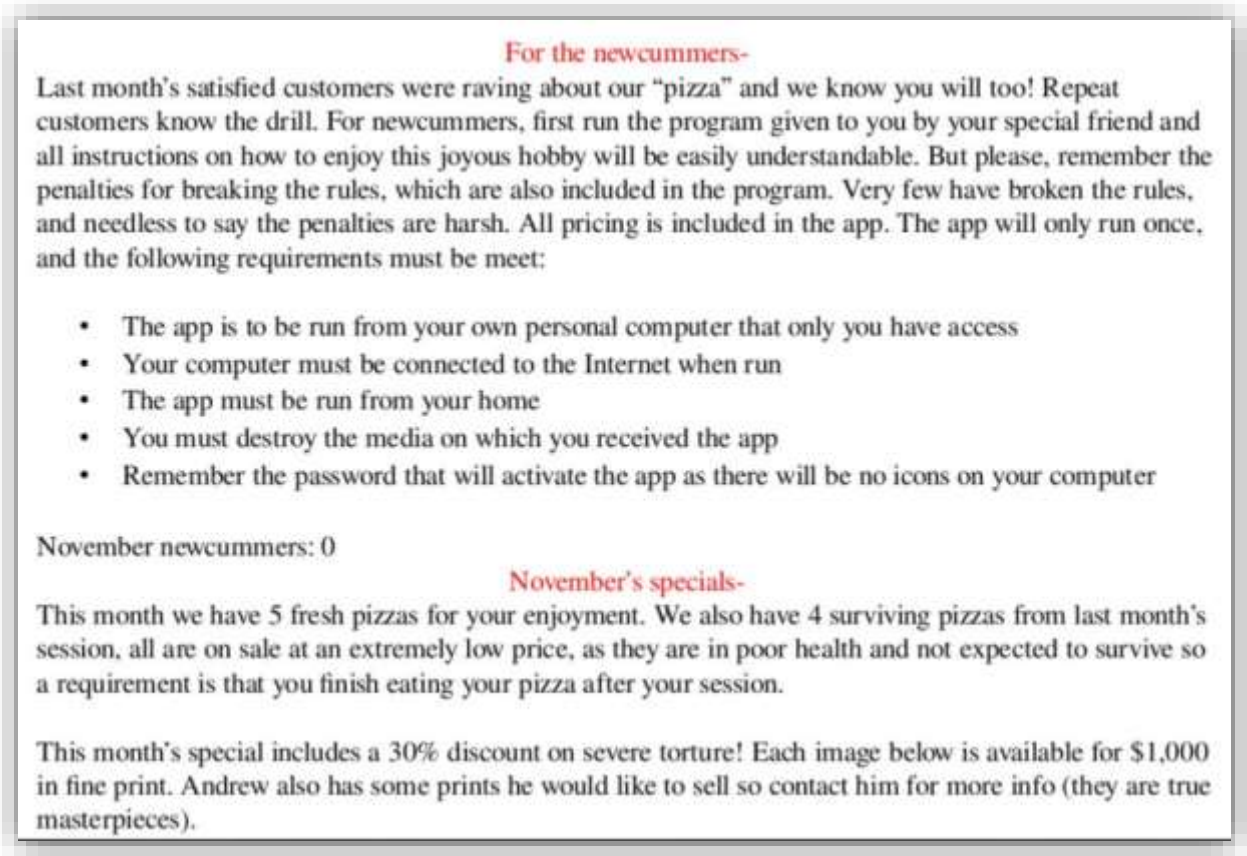
Although they could not de-encrypt the videos, they were able to extract an image with text on it that provided instructions to those who were accessing the videos.

The instructions used code language to discuss an app that viewers would download and use one time only.

When the disclaimer said "each image below is available for $1,000 in fine print," you most likely have to add a zero to get the price they are charging for a captured child.

"We have 4 surviving pizzas from last month's session, all are on sale at an extremely low price, as they are in poor health and not expected to survive so a requirement is that you finish eating your pizza after your session."

"This month's special includes a 30% discount on torture"



For the newcummers-

Last month's satisfied customers were raving about our "pizza" and we know you will too! Repeat customers know the drill. For newcummers, first run the program given to you by your special friend and all instructions on how to enjoy this joyous hobby will be easily understandable. But please, remember the penalties for breaking the rules, which are also included in the program. Very few have broken the rules, and needless to say the penalties are harsh. All pricing is included in the app. The app will only run once, and the following requirements must be meet:

- The app is to be run from your own personal computer that only you have access
- Your computer must be connected to the Internet when run
- The app must be run from your home
- You must destroy the media on which you received the app
- Remember the password that will activate the app as there will be no icons on your computer

November newcummers: 0

November's specials-

This month we have 5 fresh pizzas for your enjoyment. We also have 4 surviving pizzas from last month's session, all are on sale at an extremely low price, as they are in poor health and not expected to survive so a requirement is that you finish eating your pizza after your session.

This month's special includes a 30% discount on severe torture! Each image below is available for $1,000 in fine print. Andrew also has some prints he would like to sell so contact him for more info (they are true masterpieces).

MAJESTIC APE

Another disturbing aspect of Pizzagate are the videos of Majestic Ape.

The name "Amanda Kleinman" is likely a distraction, as Majestic does not look or sound like her: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sHzRntRmQls&feature=youtu.be&t=18s

The hands of Majestic Ape, as seen in these music videos, are clearly male. They have the same size and shape as those of Alefantis, and have no hair, just like those of Alefantis:

https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/heavy-breathing-s-release-of-airtight#/

The mouth that we see through Ape's mask looks exactly like Alefantis' mouth, including the thin lips, noticeable indentions around the philtrum below the nose, and the shape of the corners.

Furthermore, the voice of Majestic Ape while speaking through the vocoder, sounds exactly like a pitch-shifted version of Alefantis' voice. At the very least it is a man, perhaps that's the joke since they say the artists first name is "A Man Da."

Two tapings have emerged so far of Majestic joking about raping and murdering children and babies on the Comet Pizza stage—which again is owned and run by James Alefantis. The longer version has since been removed from Youtube, but here's a link to the second one: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9itWsqzFMVo

This captioned exchange about preferring children ended with a very creepy satan-laugh: (exchange starts at about 1 minute) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sHzRntRmQls&feature=youtu.be&t=18s

BESTA PIZZA

Another pizza place just a few doors down from Comet Ping Pong is Besta Pizza. “Besta” means “Beast” in Portuguese. You remember Portugal, where the Pedo brothers are exact matches to the child abduction suspect drawings? And the Besta logo is the same as the FBI’s “Boy Lover” symbol. Once the investigation revealed the meaning of their logo, the company changed it on their website, even while the original was still visible in their menu.

Remember the “Moloch Maschine” note with the hankies James Alefantis received as a gift? Moloch Maschine represents Moloch the god – child sacrifices were made in the fire oven in the belly - the belly of the beast - or BESTA.

TERRASOL BISTRO

Across the street from the two key pizza places is a bistro called Terasol. Up until recently, Terasol had the Girl Love logo prominently displayed on their website, right below a picture of a celebrity guest who just ran for President. Notice the smaller hand inside the larger hand, inside the FBI "Girl Lover" logo:

A French Bistro and artisan gallery
Home
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Menu
Testimonials
VOTED -TOP 10 NEIGHBORHOOD GEM
DG FRENCH RESTAURANT Open Table
Diners' Choice Winner
Bienvenue!
Interested in a quick visit to Paris? Reminiscent of many little bistros you will find in many neighborhoods and "quartiers" of Paris, Terasol celebrates local artisans while offering a true European experience. Whether you are interested in new artistic creations, in simply sipping a nice café au lait or enjoying a gratinee, a hearty quiche or boeuf bourguignon while being serenaded by local musicians or Edith Piaf, Terasol is sure to tease all your senses.
Terasol is a dream come true, a return to textures, bringing local artisans and their crafts to our community. It is a place where the arts marry, whether of the table (arts de la table) or unique handcrafted creations and live music.
So pack your suitcase and join us!
A tres bientôt!
See you soon!
Now Boarding.
Bon Voyage!

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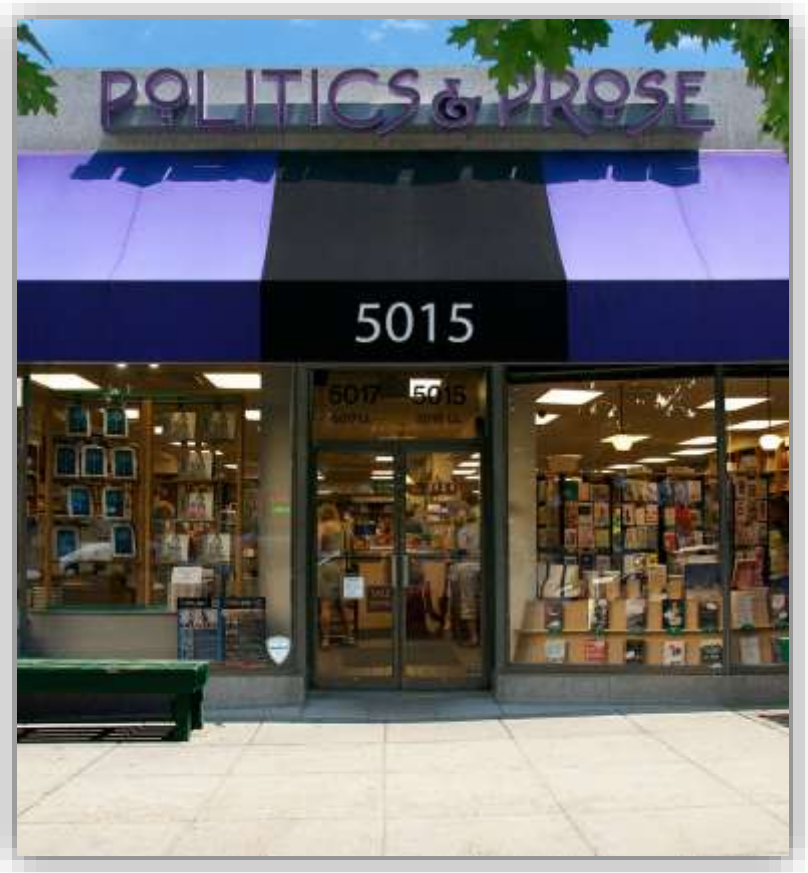
(U) GLogo a.k.a. "Girl Lover," Childlove

POLITICS & PROSE

The newly-altered version of the Besta Pizza logo has also appeared on the Politics & Prose Bookstore website, another business on the same block that has been implicated just since Pizzagate began. This business is apparently owned by Hillary's speechwriter.

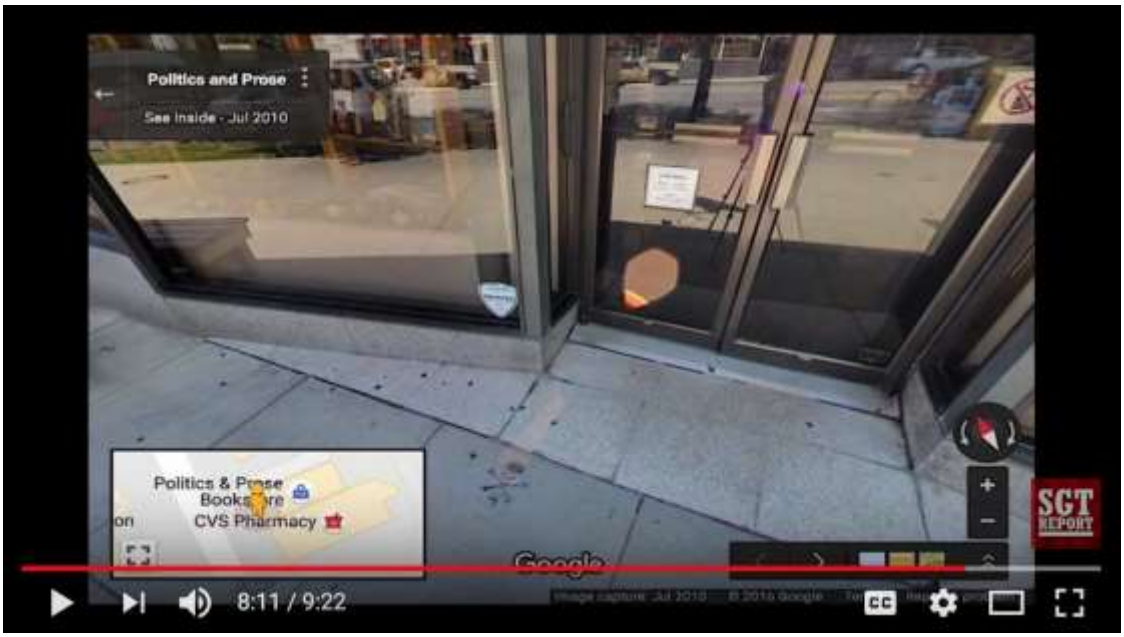
As revealed on Wikipedia, the Politics & Prose storefront has the "Little Boy Lover" logo written into the ampersand (&) symbol in the middle of the title:

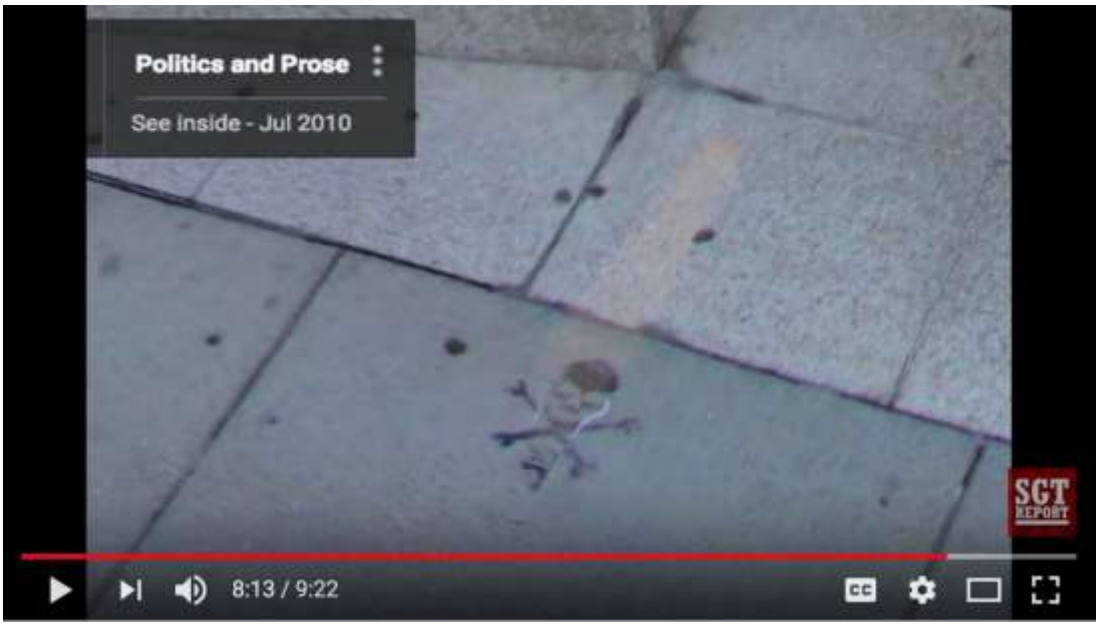


THE SKULL AND CROSSBONES

These two screen captures from a Sgt Report video reveal that a skull and crossbones "death" symbol was clearly visible on the sidewalk in front of Politics & Prose as of July 2010.

This symbol was easily visible in a Google Maps Street View search:





The Skull and Crossbones symbol is also seen in the Skull and Bones society, also known as the Brotherhood of Death, which many US presidents have been members of:

ALL THE WAY TO THE WHITE HOUSE

The email chain below is posted under the "Global Intelligence Files" leak at Wikileaks.org
The Global Intelligence Files are more than five million emails from the Texas-headquartered "global intelligence" company Stratfor:

https://wikileaks.org/gifiles/docs/12/1223066_re-get-ready-for-chicago-hot-dog-friday-.html

From: Don Kuykendall [mailto:kuykendall@stratfor.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2009 1:59 PM
To: 'stratforaustin'
Subject: ***Get ready for "Chicago Hot Dog Friday"***
To celebrate all you hot dogs out there. Aaric, you can participate as well!
Don R. Kuykendall
President
STRATFOR

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From: Fred Burton [mailto:burton@stratfor.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2009 2:39 PM
To: 'Don Kuykendall'
Cc: 'Aaric Eisenstein'; 'Darryl O'Connor'; 'Copeland Susan'
Subject: RE: Get ready for "Chicago Hot Dog Friday"
I think Obama spent about $65,000 of the tax-payers money flying in pizza/dogs from Chicago for a private party at the White House not long ago, assume we are using the same channels?

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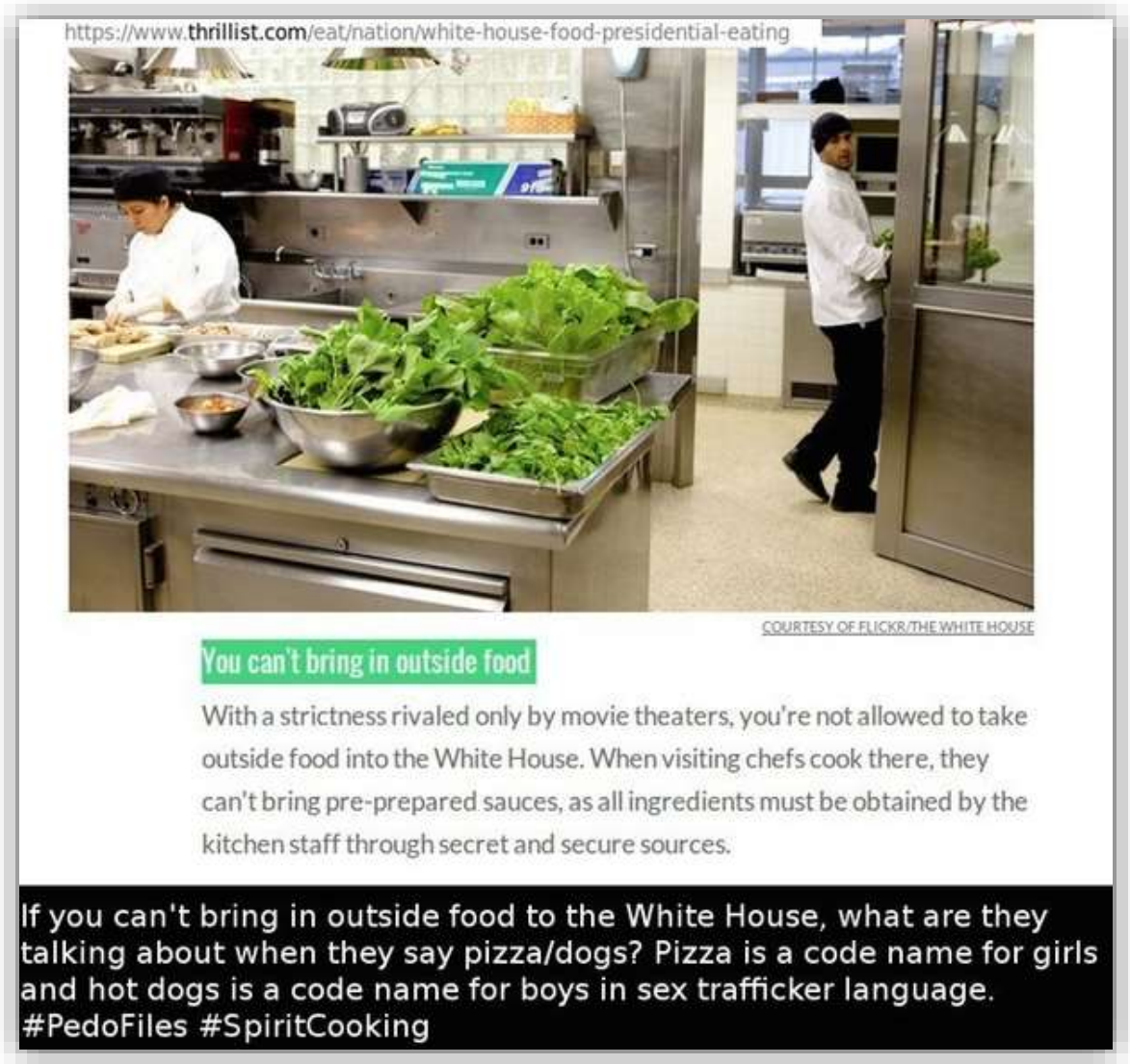
RE: Get ready for "Chicago Hot Dog Friday"
If we get the same "waitresses," I'm all for it!!!
Aaric S. Eisenstein
STRATFOR
SVP Publishing
700 Lavaca St., Suite 900
Austin, TX 78701

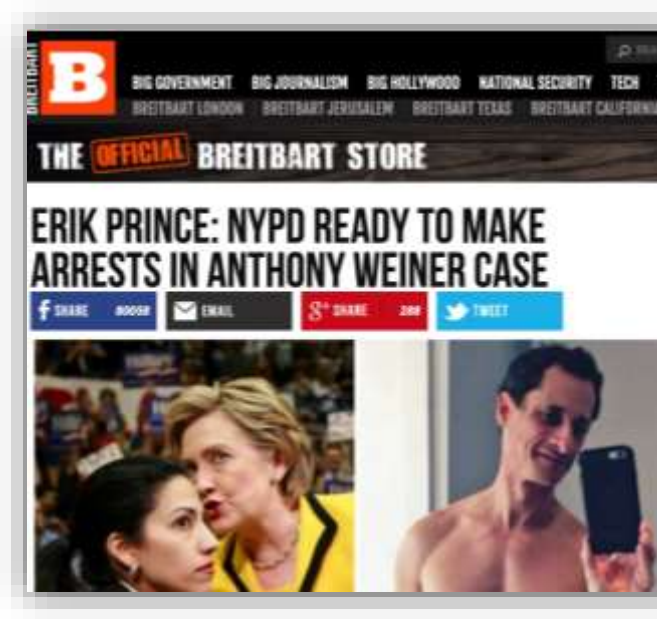
Flying in $65,000 worth of hot dogs seems very odd, especially given that you cannot bring food into the White House.

However, when you consider that “hot dog” is a code word for boys, “pizza” is a code word for girls and “Waitress” means prostitute, then the whole email chain makes much more sense.


https://www.thrillist.com/eat/nation/white-house-food-presidential-eating
COURTESY OF FLICKR/THE WHITE HOUSE
You can't bring in outside food
With a strictness rivaled only by movie theaters, you're not allowed to take outside food into the White House. When visiting chefs cook there, they can't bring pre-prepared sauces, as all ingredients must be obtained by the kitchen staff through secret and secure sources.
If you can't bring in outside food to the White House, what are they talking about when they say pizza/dogs? Pizza is a code name for girls and hot dogs is a code name for boys in sex trafficker language. #PedoFiles #SpiritCooking

BLACKWATER FOUNDER ERIK PRINCE'S STUNNING "REVEAL"

On November 4th 2016, Breitbart News featured a very significant article entitled "Erik Prince: NYPD Ready to Make Arrests in Anthony Weiner Case."

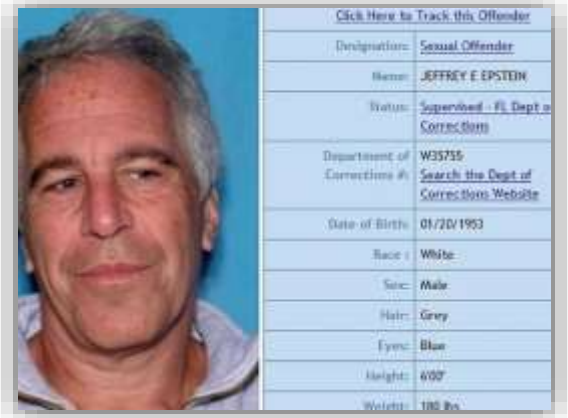


"Blackwater founder and former Navy SEAL Erik Prince… claimed he had insider knowledge of the investigation that could help explain why FBI Director James Comey had to announce he was reopening the investigation into Clinton's email server last week…"

"[The NYPD] found a lot of other really damning criminal information [in the 650,000 emails on Weiner's laptop],… including the fact that Hillary went to this sex island with convicted pedophile Jeffrey Epstein."

"Bill Clinton went there more than 20 times. Hillary Clinton went there at least six times," he said…

"The NYPD wanted to do a press conference announcing the warrants and the additional arrests they were making in this investigation, and they've gotten huge pushback, to the point of coercion, from the Justice Department."



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As we read further in this key Breitbart article, we hear that [the mayor of NYC wanted nothing to do with the 650,000 new emails, and the NYPD feels they are proof of "great evil:"]

> *"As for [Bill de Blasio,] the mayor of New York City, [Blackwater founder Erik] Prince said he has heard that "de Blasio wants to stay away from this."*
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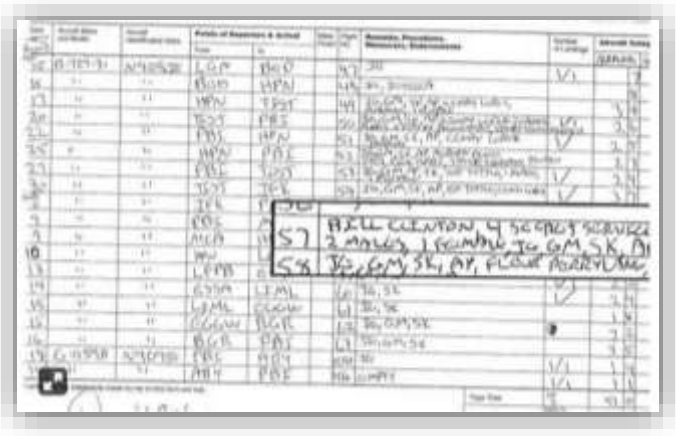
> *"The [new Clinton email] evidence is so bad, the email content is so bad, that I think even [de Blasio] wants to stay away from it, which is really telling," he said….*
>
> *"For any cop that is aware of this level of wrongdoing, and they have veterans in their family… they owe it to them to stand up… and shine the light of truth on this* ***great evil****."…*
>
> *"This is stuff coming right off a hard drive that was owned by Weiner and his wife Huma Abedin, Hillary's closest adviser for the last 20 years," he said of the new bombshells.*
>
> *"This is not from some hacker or anybody else. This is a laptop seized from a warrant in a criminal investigation."…*
>
> *"This kind of evil, this kind of true dirt on Hillary Clinton – look, you don't have to make any judgments. Just release the emails," [Erik Prince] urged.*
>
> *"Just dump them. Let them out there. Let people see the light of truth."*

Steve Pieczenik confirms the Epstein connection in this three minute video:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=12zVlaZyX3Q



And here's a scan of the actual flight log:
http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/05/13/flight-logs-show-bill-clinton-flew-on-sex-offenders-jet-much-more-than-previously-known.html

WHAT ABOUT BREITBART?

On February 4th, 2011, Andrew Breitbart tweeted, "How prog-guru John Podesta isn't [a] household name as [a] world class underage sex slave op cover-upper defending unspeakable dregs escapes me."

Then, a year later, all throughout February 2012, Breitbart telegraphed the release of a video that he said would appear on March 1st.

This video, he claimed, would be severely damaging to Obama's re-election campaign. "Wait till they see what happens March 1st," he said.

Right before the anticipated release, on February 28th, 2012, he tweeted, "How much longer until they kill me ("heart attack" or "car accident") or frame me for a crime? Read me while you can."

Andrew died of an alleged heart attack on March 1st, 2012—just two days later. Coincidence?

The coroner who conducted the investigation died of arsenic poisoning just two months later. It's not that hard to figure out what happened here.

WILL STEVE BANNON PURSUE JUSTICE?

Steve Bannon took over Breitbart News after Andrew's death, becoming Executive Chair in March 2012.

It is therefore very interesting that Trump appointed Bannon to a cabinet-level position as his chief strategist and senior counselor.

Mainstream Media outlets are in an all-out panic about Bannon's new role, doing everything they possibly can to demonize him.

Bannon does have character defects. The media is amplifying them to the point where it seems as if that's all there is to see.

However, Bannon's appointment makes me hopeful that Pizzagate arrests will take place some time after the inauguration on January 20th.

THE CULTURE OF CHILD RAPE – NAMBLA & MODERN BOYLOVER MAGAZINE

"NAMBLA" is an acronym that stands for the North American Man Boy Love Association.

It was founded in 1978 and they believe "consentual" sex with young boys should be legal.
http://www.nambla.org/
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_American_Man/Boy_Love_Association

It was discovered during the Franklin Cover Up Scandal (see page 8) NAMBLA funneled massive amounts of money through the Franklin Credit Union.

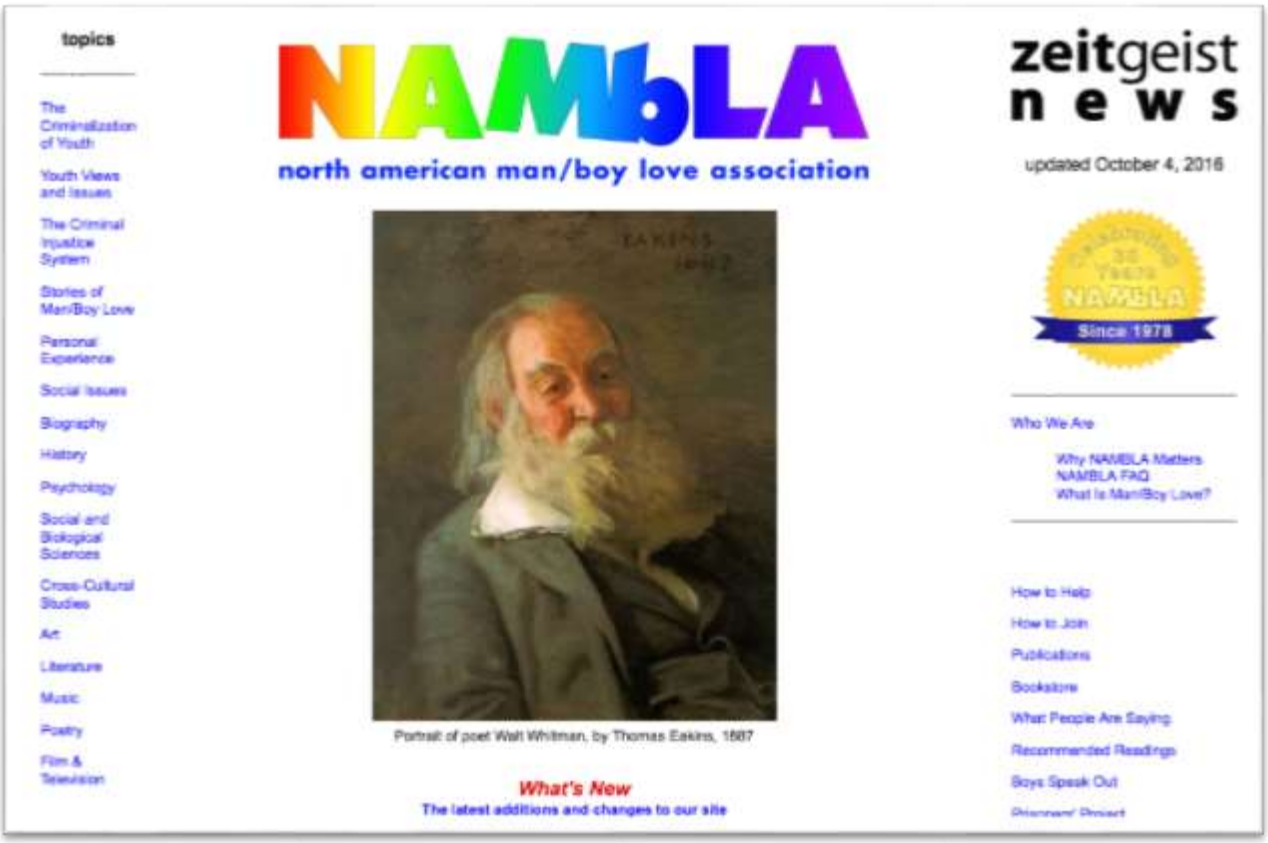
North American Man/Boy Love Association

NAMBLA

A NAMBLA logo. The capital *M* and lowercase *b* symbolize a man and a boy.

Founded	December 2, 1978; 38 years ago[1]
Founder	David Thorstad
Type	Unincorporated association
Focus	Pedophile and pederasty activism
Location	New York City and San Francisco
Area served	North America
Mission	Removing age of consent laws

NAMBLA.org
The On-Line Voice of the North American Man/Boy Love Association



David Wilcock and his team at DivineCosmos.com found a digital copy of issue 14 of "Modern Boylover" magazine, which has no explicit pictures, while searching for the FBI document on LinkedIn SlideShare.

It appears to have been saved there as further evidence to be used in investigations. It is not at all something they recommend reading due to the "creep factor," which is off the charts.

The triangular Boylover logo appears all throughout the magazine, including the logo for KBLR (BoyLoveR) Radio.

The following pages are excerpts from Modern Boylover Magazine:

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the fourteenth issue of Modern Boylover Magazine. As always, we bring together works from various boylove forums and resources. I would like to thank the members and staff of Enchanted-Island.com for joining MBM in our efforts!

The past few years have been less than productive for the magazine, which largely falls on me. I lost my way, I suppose you could say, to the point where I gave up on myself, and MBM entirely. While many credit me for saving the magazine after the fall of BLN, RyanJames saved it after the fall of 420Guy. In organizing issue #13, he proved to me that MBM could still continue on.

What I've always loved about the magazine is the diversity of opinions and ideas. It's about showing the world how different we all really are....how human.

Thanks to YoungCity.net, BoyMoment.com and Boylover.org for your continued efforts and support. The magazine simply would not exist today if it wasn't for you!

We hope you enjoy reading this issue, and look forward to bringing you more in 2016!

-420Guy

KBLR Radio - Your Boylove Pride Source

By Ryanlames (DJ RyanJames)

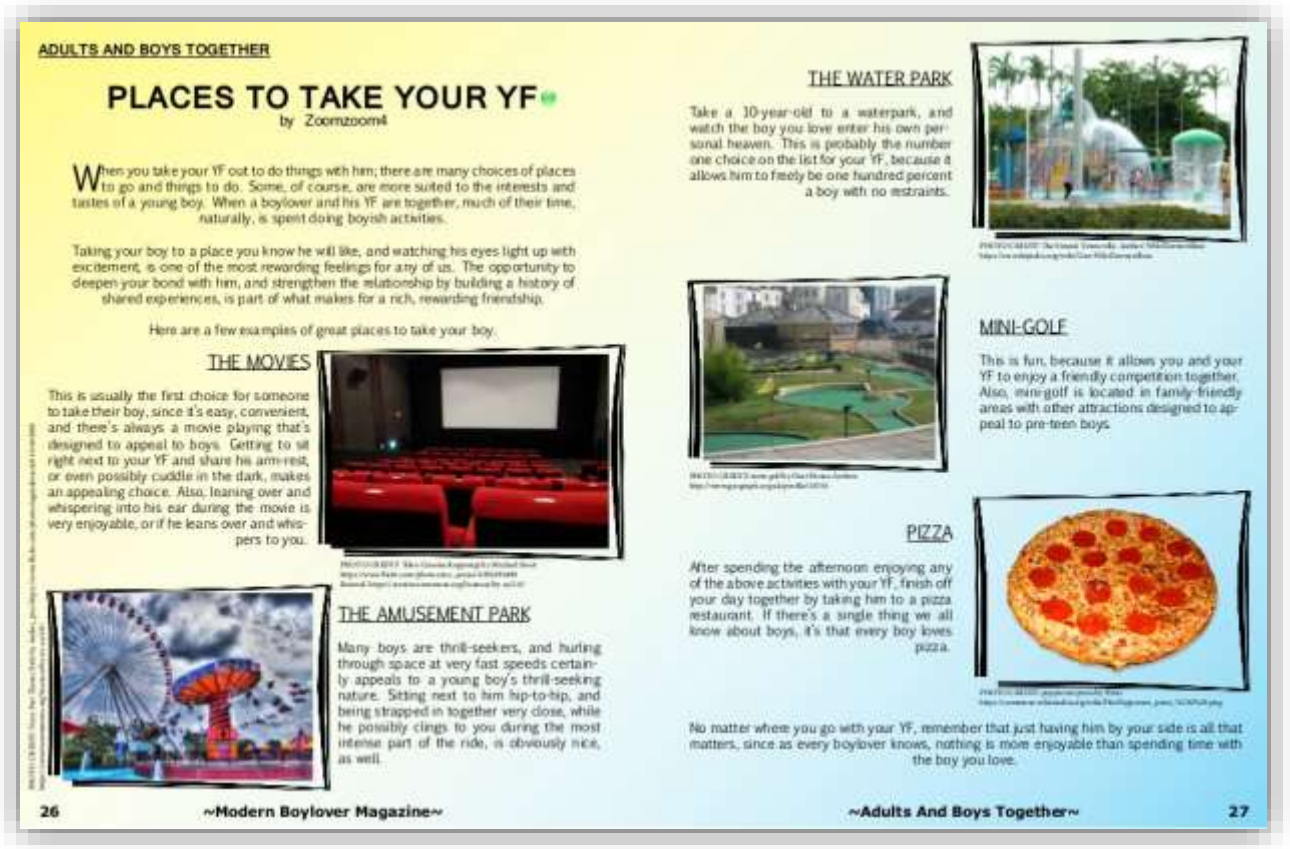
KBLR-Radio is a new online radio station with the purpose of appealing to the boylovers around the world. KBLR plays music 24/7 with a high emphasis on boy music. There are also other styles of music and we are always working to improve and expand our music selection. We allow for requests during times when the AutoDJ is playing, as well as Live Shows with BL DJs. The sole purpose is to not only give boylovers a station to listen to and be proud of, but to also give boylovers a voice in the world. Feel free to tune in any time day or night and also look for announcements regarding the live shows. Eventually we will also be having a calendar of events so that listeners can find out when their favorite DJ will be Live next. We do offer listeners an opportunity to make donations as well as have merchandise for sale with the station's logo on it, with profits going back to the station for the purpose of maintaining servers, etc.

We hope you listen in and have some fun.

This is DJ RyanJames of KBLR Radio ... Good night

http://kblr-radio.net - Main Site
http://cafepress.com/kblr - Merchandise Site

Here's an article about where to take your Young Friend (YF), and it ends with the topic of pizza:



ADULTS AND BOYS TOGETHER

PLACES TO TAKE YOUR YF

by Zoomzoom4

When you take your YF out to do things with him; there are many choices of places to go and things to do. Some, of course, are more suited to the interests and tastes of a young boy. When a boylover and his YF are together, much of their time, naturally, is spent doing boyish activities.

Taking your boy to a place you know he will like, and watching his eyes light up with excitement, is one of the most rewarding feelings for any of us. The opportunity to deepen your bond with him, and strengthen the relationship by building a history of shared experiences, is part of what makes for a rich, rewarding friendship.

Here are a few examples of great places to take your boy.

THE MOVIES

This is usually the first choice for someone to take their boy, since it's easy, convenient, and there's always a movie playing that's designed to appeal to boys. Getting to sit right next to your YF and share his arm-rest, or even possibly cuddle in the dark, makes an appealing choice. Also, leaning over and whispering into his ear during the movie is very enjoyable, or if he leans over and whispers to you.

THE AMUSEMENT PARK

Many boys are thrill-seekers, and hurling through space at very fast speeds certainly appeals to a young boy's thrill-seeking nature. Sitting next to him hip-to-hip, and being strapped in together very close, while he possibly clings to you during the most intense part of the ride, is obviously nice, as well.

THE WATER PARK

Take a 10-year-old to a waterpark, and watch the boy you love enter his own personal heaven. This is probably the number one choice on the list for your YF, because it allows him to freely be one hundred percent a boy with no restraints.

MINI-GOLF

This is fun, because it allows you and your YF to enjoy a friendly competition together. Also, mini-golf is located in family-friendly areas with other attractions designed to appeal to pre-teen boys.

PIZZA

After spending the afternoon enjoying any of the above activities with your YF, finish off your day together by taking him to a pizza restaurant. If there's a single thing we all know about boys, it's that every boy loves pizza.

No matter where you go with your YF, remember that just having him by your side is all that matters, since as every boylover knows, nothing is more enjoyable than spending time with the boy you love.

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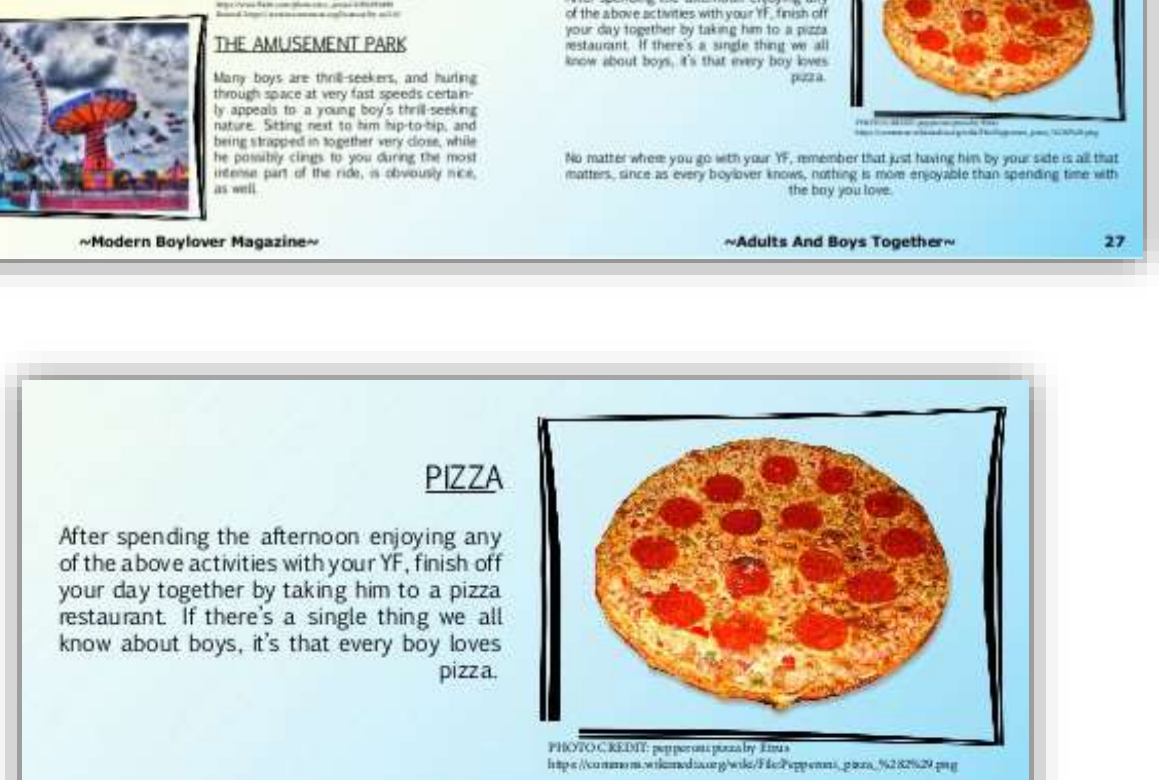

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PHOTO CREDIT: pepperoni pizza by Enzo
https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Pepperoni_pizza_%282%29.png

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~Adults And Boys Together~ 27

IT'S EVERYWHERE

It's important to understand the scope of this problem, they are literally laughing at us, flaunting it in our "news & entertainment," or as I like to call it "programming."

Now that you have seen the strange pedophilia underworld and their code words, have a look at this two-year old music video from Katy Perry. The video features dancing pizzas, ice cream, and some sort of strawberry critter bending over like it wants anal sex. Also the penis shaped ice cream (with a red head no less) thrusts up & down in the video ("*Straight Stuntin"*).
This is not subtle stuff here, she is flat out telling you that they abuse children and *it's no big deal*.

Lyrics:
"It's no big deal, it's no big deal, it's no big deal
This is no big deal

This is how we do, yeah, chilling, laid back
Straight Stuntin' ya we do it like that"

I imagine it's a very big deal to the children being raped.

Here again is the list of the basic code words for child abusers:

"hotdog" = boy
"pizza" = girl
"cheese" = little girl
"pasta" = little boy
"ice cream" = male prostitute
"walnut" = person of color
"map" = semen

"Ping Pong" is a slang reference for sex, due to the rhythmic motion involved:

They even simulate an ejaculation with a fire extinguisher under a blacklight. Remember the CSI episodes where they look for body fluids under a black light?!?

"*Eating tacos, lookin' at hotties*"

And “ice cream” is a code word that means male prostitute:

Laura,

I consider ice cream, its purchase, and its consumption a rather serious business. We can't just willy-nilly toss it out and about in casual references, especially linked with the word "free".

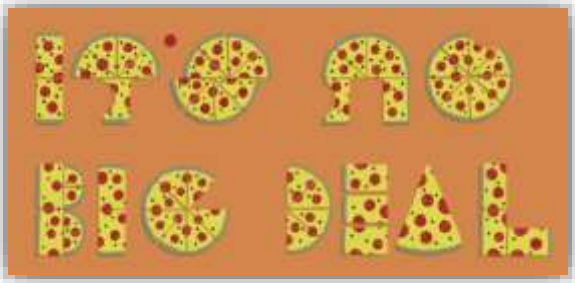
Regards,
Kris Cleary

https://wikileaks.org/podesta-emails/emailid/19018

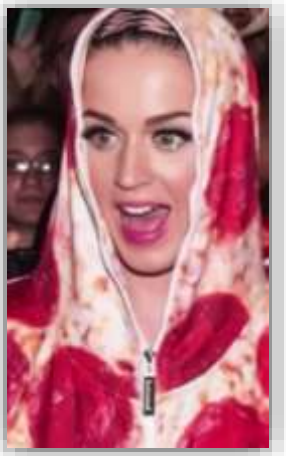
“It’s No Big Deal” on truck in background, really driving it home for you to accept that this is OK.

“This Is No Big Deal” with the devil-horn stubs hairdoo:

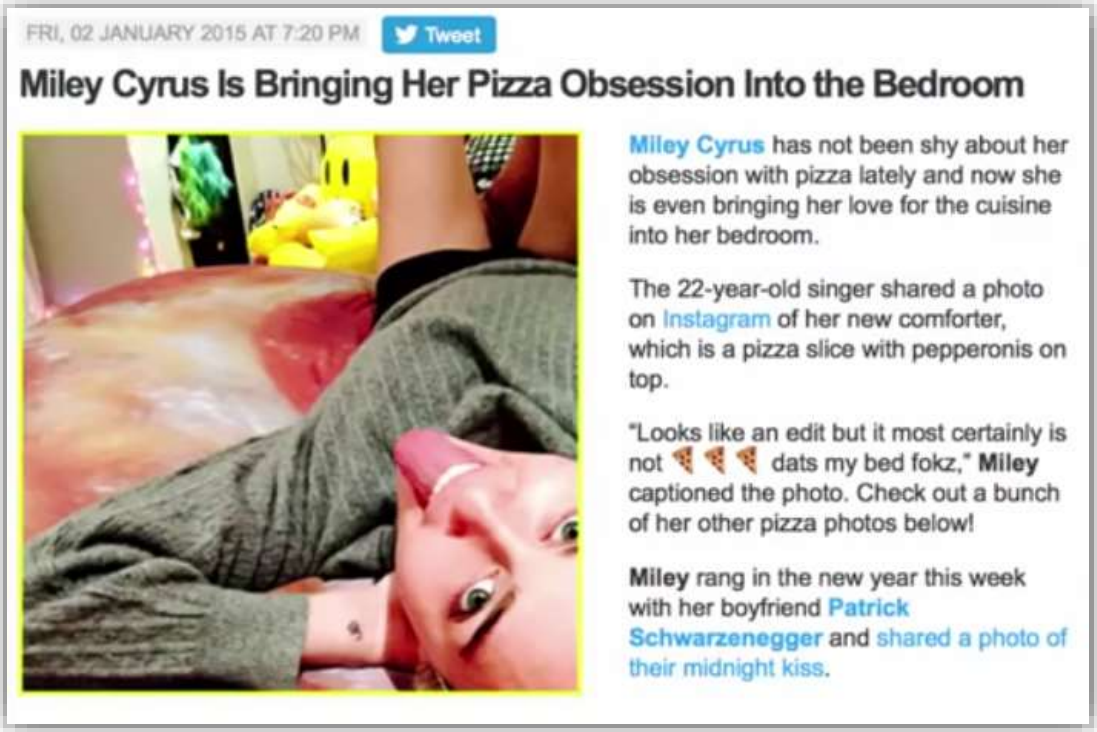
“It’s No Big Deal” spelled out in *pizza*:



Katy laid out like a dish (“pizza” is code for ”girl”), dressed in a pizza print bathing suit:



And Katy Perry is not the only celebrity obsessed with pizza or devil-horn hairdoos: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Miley Cyrus Is Bringing Her Pizza Obsession Into the Bedroom
Miley Cyrus has not been shy about her obsession with pizza lately and now she is even bringing her love for the cuisine into her bedroom.
The 22-year-old singer shared a photo on Instagram of her new comforter, which is a pizza slice with pepperonis on top.
"Looks like an edit but it most certainly is not dats my bed fokz," Miley captioned the photo. Check out a bunch of her other pizza photos below!
Miley rang in the new year this week with her boyfriend Patrick Schwarzenegger and shared a photo of their midnight kiss.

"It's no big deal" she sings, as she rubs the paddle down her leg.

This 15-minute video breaks down the Katy Perry video in much more detail:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCMdezaTcQk&list=PLMiamrKO3r0S8bgELVBo-EdoYOj1wmPVr&index=28

This woman Tara from the UK has a great 60 minute video with more in depth analysis:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oSLKt1Veg6U

MASTER DATABASE SAVED FROM DELETION

The central nexus-point for Pizzagate research on Reddit was censored as it went viral, as were the backups, but thankfully Archive.org captured it at its peak on November 22nd:

https://web.archive.org/web/20161122083118/https://m.reddit.com/r/pizzagate/comments/5da0kp/comet_ping_pong_pizzagate_summary/

Now that this link has been published, it may be censored off of Archive as well, but for now anyone can grab the data and mirror it.

All the initial, landmark Pizzagate videos were based off of the research in this thread, though additional links are continually being discovered as well.

So after reading all this, are you a "Pizzagator" yet?

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Dedicated to all the children out there, who as you read this are locked away somewhere awaiting their next torture session, gang rape, or ritual sacrifice.

I offer this work as a service to them, that it might help raise awareness and someday put an end to the scourge of satanism and pedophilia on this Earth.

So as we enjoy our lives of comfort & ease, *we must never forget this goes on everyday, and we must not stop until we put and end to it and the perpetrators are brought to justice.*